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THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL.

[The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.]

The Westminster Bhoys.

The Bhoys had another rare old time at Westminster—just before the break-up for the Whitsun holidays. Boney Law was awfully cheeky to the Head Master, and the whole of his form backed him up; Master Masterman, an old scholar, was again plucked, and it is said he may not come back to the school; Teddy Carson wanted Herby Asquith to fight, out in the country, but Herby wasn't having any—Teddy having been in strong training all the term; but Winnie Churchill offered to fly the best of them—straight point to point, or loop-the-loop. In the end, the school broke up in a state of excitement; but great fun is expected next term.

The Situation.

Trying to be serious about politics—notwithstanding that it is Derby week—the position is quite simple. The Government means to stick in till its debts are paid, and till it gets what, after all, is the one practical prize from the Parliament Act—its Plural Voting Bill—passed into law. All the rest does not so much matter. The Scotch can be kept happy with "fad" temperance and land legislation, the Welsh, with Church disestablishment, and the Irish with Home Rule. But the abolition of plural voting is relied on to turn at least a score of seats in favour of the Liberals, and, as *Reynolds's* puts it, it would be "a gross betrayal of the democracy" not to make sure of it. Hence, no General Election till next year. The present "crisis" will be killed by the dog days. At the same time, the Government are playing a bold game over that Amending Bill—but they cannot help it, poor things!

Take Your Choice.

Two contents bills after the N.E. Derby Election.—*Manchester Courier:* "Great Unionist Victory." *Manchester Guardian:* "Derbyshire's large majority for Home Rule."

The By-Elections.

Putting all the Party humbug on one side, the recent elections do not indicate any wonderful change of attitude on the part of the public towards the "great questions of the day." Allowing for split votes, and one thing and another, Mr Asquith may fairly claim that, if he has failed to enthuse the voter, he has at least not seriously alarmed him. Nor has Sir Edward Carson. The truth is that, pending the advent of the Business Government, the man in the street is just marking time.

Find the Fibber.

From the statements to the Press of the two candidates after the recent Grimsby election: "I attribute my success to the feeling of the constituency against Home Rule"; "I attribute the reduced majority of my opponent to the growing feeling in favour of Home Rule."

Quis Custodiet, etc.

Here is the *Guardian*—most correct of Church papers—denouncing Mr. Hogge's Bill for the suppression of newspaper competitions. Now we *are* in respectable company!

Keir's Hardihood.

The past record of the parliamentary Labour Party having turned out a fizzle the deluded "workers" are now to be fed on the prospect of a glorious future. After the *next* General Election, says Citizen Keir Hardie, the Labour group will dominate the House of Commons and will keep the Government on the run all the time. He is, of course, assuming that by the operation of the Home Rule Act, the Irish Nationalists will have been cut down to forty, and that he or Ramsay will take the place of Mr. Redmond. But the Nationalists are men of brains and men of the world—not tub-thumping, water-bibbing kill-joys. And not even Mr. Asquith or Lord Murray could pull Redmond's leg. On the other hand, Ramsay's is always dangling conveniently across the gangway separating the Government and Labour benches.

Ramsay and his Men.

By the by, what about those little breakfast talks between Ramsay and the Chancellor of the Exchequer? We thought there were to be no more three-cornered contests! Poor Ramsay! He has as much influence over the "workers" as a dog's tail has over the dog. But some dogs' tails *are* straight.

Hurry Up!

Are you aware that *Mary Bull's* great Picture Competition is rapidly approaching completion? If not, get a copy of her, for a penny, on Friday of this week. It is certain to provide you with entertainment, and may mean money.

Another Racing Competition. Manchester Cup this time. See page 40.

An Angry Reader.

Upon a recent visit to the Law Courts a correspondent saw that which has prompted him to send us four closely-written sheets of concentrated indignation. A plaintiff, with a grievance against a wealthy Insurance Corporation, had begged or borrowed sufficient money to brief an eminent K.C. for the conduct of his case. Upon the day of the trial, however, this gentleman had so many jobs in hand that he didn't know what to do. What he, in fact, did was to turn up within five minutes of the close of the proceedings, so that, as our informant alleges, "the facts of the case were never properly put forward." Whatever the reason, judgment for the Insurance Company was entered. In these circumstances, will the expensive K.C. return his fees? Not Pygmalion likely! Our correspondent fails to realise that the services of counsel are of a gratuitous character, and that their fees are in the nature of honoraria, which, in a two-fold sense, cannot be recovered. As a special mark of favour, barristers will receive these tokens of esteem beforehand, and thus save clients all further trouble. Even so, they will not touch the dirty money themselves, but will insist that it shall be collected by their clerks and decently buried in their banking accounts. All levity apart, however, the thing complained of is a scandal of which a Business Government would make short work.

Wh-re's that Report?

Mr. John Burns contrived to infuse a measure of humanity into the administration of the Poor Law, but the essential vices of the existing system remain wholly unabated. There is ample evidence that among the poorest classes of the community the notion of pauper relief, under existing conditions, is regarded with invincible repugnance. The other day at Holloway an aged woman drowned herself in a washtub, in circumstances which, to the coroner's jury, "afforded no evidence as to her state of mind." It was painfully clear, however, that the poor old soul had become conscious of failing physical power, and had deliberately turned to suicide as the only alternative to the hated prospect of the workhouse. Call it unreasoning fear, if you will, but remember that the Poor Law Commission unanimously recommended the total abolition of workhouses, as at present constituted, and emphasised the need of humaner treatment for the aged and infirm. This famous Report is now five years old, and scarcely anything has yet been done to carry out its main proposals. It would almost seem that Ministers have taken a solemn vow never by any chance to touch the things that matter most.

Home for the Washing.

If Education Committees are going to drive the poor so hard and fast in regard to sending their children to school, there is much to be said for the suggestion of the Clerk to the Dudley Magistrates, Mr. Smith. Summoned for not sending her child regularly to school, a woman said that, as the mother of seven, she was compelled to keep her eldest girl at home on washing days, and "the Clerk suggested that the Education Committee should provide nurses for this class of people." This seems a lot more reasonable than the decree of Mr. Tanfield, the Magistrate, that "the woman must do her washing on Saturdays." If the woman is to wash for seven on Saturdays, how is the poor thing to get the clothes dry and pretty for Sundays? We wonder what Mr. Tanfield himself would say if he went home on Saturdays to find his wife washing for seven, with soapsuds all over the dinner, clothes-horses screening the fire, and lines flapping clothes all colours of the rainbow in the backyard? It is a thousand to one that he would find any language he may have learned at golf inadequate to the occasion.

A Bad Habit.

The recent "Cup Tie" railway collision furnished an almost incredible example of all-round muddleheadedness on the part of the railway servants concerned. Now comes the Board of Trade Report upon an Irish train disaster which occurred in September last. The conclusions of the Inspector are entitled to respect, if only from the fact that his deliberations have extended over two-thirds of a year. Again we are treated to vague observations about "the presence of a third person on the footplate," who may perhaps have "amused himself" by "twiddling" the releasing screw of the engine brake. Once more there was hopeless confusion among those responsible for the safety of the passengers, and this time "all the circumstances point to the conclusion that the confusion was caused by the stupefying effects of drink." This is plain speaking, and we are bound to assume that the Inspector has ample warrant for so serious an allegation. His Report lends colour to the suggestion that the habit of "nipping" during short intervals of duty is on the increase among railwaymen. Most people will agree that the practice is an eminently undesirable one for men upon whose nerve and judgment the lives of others must needs depend. Ardent as we are in the cause of individual freedom, we should have nothing to say if it were stringently forbidden.

Sex Lore.

A Committee specially appointed by the London County Council has determined that elementary school girls in the Metropolitan area shall not be "told." In more formal phrase, it has resolved that "the introduction of sex hygiene as a class subject should in no circumstances be sanctioned." We are by no means surprised at this decision, nor are we disposed to question its wisdom. Most of us are agreed in a general sort of way that ignorance of these matters contains the seeds of danger, and that a measure of knowledge, sanely imparted, should accompany physical development. Of those who hold this view, however, there are few who would confidently essay the task of preparing a syllabus of instruction suited to the circumstances of class teaching, and this is precisely the difficulty which has been present to the minds of the L.C.C. Committee. Even a member who thought that "the processes of nature could be taught with perfect propriety on botanical and biological lines," was compelled to admit that such schemes of instruction as had come to his notice were "quite unsuitable." Unhappily for his theory, the average girl in her teens is neither a cabbage nor a crab, but a somewhat inquisitive and rather wayward human. The problem is one for the parent—not the school teacher.

Our Bill.

Some inkling of what is going on in the matter of dormant bank deposits may be gathered from the fabulous growth of a balance in the Manchester and Liverpool District Bank recently claimed by its rightful owner—a deposit of £220 in 1832 having resulted in a present windfall of £1,400. But for the unexpected appearance of a lawful claimant, the bankers would have enjoyed the whole of this increment to which, of course, they have no shadow of moral right. The notion of our Dormant Bank Balances Bill is familiar to our readers. It would provide for the appropriation of such moneys by the State, without in any way imperilling the rights of claimants who might subsequently appear. The repayment of dormant deposits with interest, upon proof of lawful title, would be secured by a Government guarantee. The instances in which such belated claims have arisen form but a small fraction of the whole, and in all other cases the community at large is clearly entitled to the proceeds of these forgotten funds.

Result of our Prince's Handicap Contest. Winners on page 28.

Pretty Steep.

The startling assertion that the "Northampton" Postal and Civil Service Benevolent Society is faced with a deficit of £880,000 must not be held to imply that anyone has been guilty of fraud. It is sufficiently evident, however, that the present position of affairs is a monument of unsound finance, and that the crisis has been brought about by a generous distribution to those whose period of membership has been too short to justify it. "The financial position disclosed," says the candid Actuary in his official Report to the members, "is such that it is impossible for the Society to fulfil its obligations." This will be cheering news for the thirty thousand or so of members, who seem to have reposed implicit confidence in the managing officials It is suggested by the General Secretary that the above estimate of the amount of the deficit, based upon the assumption that all claims were immediately presented is rather sensational than accurate, and that there is no question of insolvency, either actual or prospective. This sanguine view will need a good deal of justification, in view of the Actuary's statement that "the time is not very distant when the Society will be unable to pay its claims." These revelations afford a further illustration of the extreme laxity of the State control of friendly and "provident" societies. A Business Government would not permit the managers of these concerns to play ducks and drakes with other people's investments.

The Beastly Butcher.

George Christopher Froud is a butcher in business at East Farleigh, Kent. One morning recently, a child ten years of age, was sent on an errand to his shop where he took advantage of her being alone to indecently assault her. Notwithstanding that on being charged before the Bearsted Bench with the crime he vamped up a defence that in concert with her grandmother the child had concocted the story, the magistrates found him guilty and fined him £20, with the alternative of two months' imprisonment. Whether this beastly butcher pays the fine or goes to gaol in the circumstances is probably a matter of indifference to the people of Farleigh. According to the local report, the man stated in the witness-box that "he had been a Guardian and a member of the District Council, and also Chairman of the Parish Council and was a member of the School Attendance Committee." This leaves us in some doubt as to his being or not being at the present time on the School Attendance Committee If he does hold such an office, or any public office, it goes without saying that he is not a fit and proper person to continue in it, and he must, of course, get out. Public office must not be disgraced by defilers of little children.

Dirt Cheap.

We have sometimes complained of the laxity of the Liverpool police in the prosecution of crime. It appears, however, that when a serious offence is brought to light, the local Bench are at a loss to know how properly to deal with it. A Chinese laundry-keeper was recently arraigned before their Worships for having cruelly ill-used an eighteen-year-old girl in his employ.. It was said that he had brutally kicked her and occasionally flogged her, and in consequence of this treatment she had become seriously ill and suffered intense pain from a tumour. In the intervals of this savagery, there had been intimate relations between the pair, and for fear she should leave him the rascal had robbed the girl of her clothes. Duly impressed by the recital of these atrocities, the Magistrates fined the defendant forty shillings and costs, which was immediately paid by two other Chinamen. No wonder foreigners think we hold our women cheap!

The Tender Promise.

Quite a number of breach of promise suits have lately engaged the attention of the Courts, and the time-honoured question of the wisdom and equity of such actions has again been freely canvassed. It is plausibly argued that a man who "finds he has made a mistake," and honestly says so before marriage, should be rather praised than penalised for his candour. Even so, his error of judgment has probably impaired the damsel's matrimonial chances, and in so far as money can compensate her, we see no reason why he should not pay if he can. Damages in such cases are usually assessed with a pretty accurate regard to the defendant's means, and real hardship is rarely occasioned. Where a girl has suffered damage of an irreparable nature a sense of shame will frequently deter her from resort to the law, and it is not to be expected that more than a fraction of such cases will be advanced for judicial consideration. It is the province of the law, however, to furnish remedies for those who choose to pursue them, while never relaxing the safeguard of publicity. We see no reason why breaches of promise to marry should be removed from the category of actionable wrongs.

Methodistical.

There is, or was, a situation as Caretaker going at the Queen Street Primitive Methodist Church, West Bromwich. The successful applicant will be required to keep the church, vestries, and schoolrooms clean, warm, and well ventilated; prepare for all services and meetings; attend the services and lock up afterwards; flush all latrines twice a week; clean all grates; wash all lavatories, basins, out-offices and front of church once a week; clean all glass inside and out; scour floors and pews; dust and beat cushions, mats, and carpets; post bills and remove them when out of date; keep premises in good order; do any small repairs; put up and take down platform for the children's service; provide his own cloths, brooms, brushes, etc.—and receive 8s. 5½d. a week for his godly labours. It is understood, however, that he will also have to make himself generally useful and lick his own stamps.

Congratulations!

We are glad that Mr. Will Evans has won his action against the London Theatres of Varieties, and we take leave to express surprise that in the present state of his health he should have been put to the worry and vexation of legal proceedings. Other theatre proprietors may do well to note that in the opinion of Mr. Justice Atkin "a comedian may break his contracts, if to observe them would be a serious risk to his life." If this was the conclusion which the plaintiffs sought to resist, we hope they are proud of their performance. Their counsel sought to draw a somewhat inhuman distinction between cases in which it was "physically impossible" for a man to carry out his contract and those in which its due performance would involve "serious risk." We presume he would argue that a comedian should be held to his bond so long as he can stand upright on the stage without support. Perhaps it was thought that his efforts to do so would be taken by the audience as funny "business."

Twelve of the Best.

On the ground that boys will be boys, a Glasgow reader thinks that the sentence of twelve strokes of the birch, inflicted by Sheriff Moffatt at Falkirk on the two youths who put sleepers and pieces of iron on the railway lines in order to see the trains jump as they do in the pictures, is "a disgrace to any civilised mind" Quite so. The Sheriff should have presented the dear little fellows with a stick of lollypop and a bun, and he is hereby cautioned as to his conduct for the future.

£150 for the Manchester Cup. See page 40—and hurry up.

The Letter of the Law.

At a quarter to twelve on a recent morning, a Yarmouth schoolboy approached his headmaster and desired to be released from further attendance. Pressed to justify his request, he obligingly explained that he was born fourteen years ago to that minute, and that the period during which he might lawfully be detained at school had thus fully expired. Whether he was at once permitted to retire or compelled to remain till the usual hour of dismissal we are unable to say, but his legal position is free from difficulty. Assuming that the moment of his birth was correctly stated, he may successfully maintain an action for false imprisonment against the schoolmaster, and perhaps against the Education Committee, in respect of any detention which he may have suffered after 11.45. If any force was employed to prevent his withdrawal from the premises he may further claim damages for assault and battery. This, our "considered opinion," we present free.

Ask Yourself.

Kindly note: At Reading recently six children were discovered sleeping in one bed, three at the head and three at the foot. Three of them were suffering from consumption—so, too, was their father. The mother was a girl of 24. She had seven children to maintain, the eldest a mite of seven and a half. Her lot in life was to wage war, unceasing yet impotent, against poverty and disease. Think on these things with what imagination you can call to your aid. Then remember that we are spending some millions a year on missions to the healthy, if unregenerate, heathen and some millions more on preaching the gospel of loving-kindness to prosperous people at home. Reflect, too, that Parliament is engaged in juggling with the revenues of the Welsh Church and in an elaborate scheme to furnish us with two Party playhouses instead of one. Think about all this, honestly and clearly, and then think about that Reading "home" again. We heard nothing about it, by the way, during the recent by-election!

"Found Drowned."

And we don't wonder! For forty years Reuben Jennison was employed by the Newark Gas Company at the tremendous salary of 19s. a week. One day recently he had an accident and was unable to work for a week. When he returned to resume his employment, at 68 years of age, he was given a week's notice as to his job watering meters, but subsequently the philanthropic directors, considering his long service, put him on cleaning stoves—at 15s. a week. A few days ago he was reported missing, and afterwards his body was recovered from the water in a ballast-hole. How comforting in these circumstances it must have been to the dead man's family that at the inquest the Managing Director, on behalf of the Board, expressed his regret at the occurrence.

An Auditor's Allegation.

Croydon ratepayers are rather interested to know whether the new Local Government Board is satisfied that certain allegations made by Mr. E. C. Wells, Elective Auditor, in respect to Croydon finance, are justified. What he says is that Mr. Newnham, the present Town Clerk of Croydon and formerly a member of the Corporation, had, while Chairman of the Education Committee, his house repaired by the Committee's staff with material belonging to the ratepayers; that Mr. Newnham admits the work was done but states that he made restitution by subsequent payment; but that no such payment appears in the accounts of the Education Committee nor is any explanation of its non-appearance forthcoming. Obviously, this is a matter necessitating full investigation, and in his own interests Mr. Newnham should invite it and welcome it.

A Legal Anomaly.

It was recently held in the Court of Criminal Appeal that a prisoner found by a jury to be "guilty but insane" might appeal on the question of his guilt, but not on that of his sanity. In the case of the Portuguese murderer, Coelho, a converse proposition was submitted to the Court. It was argued that the prisoner, found guilty of murder at the Liverpool Assizes, should also have been found insane. The judges, however, declined to qualify the man's conviction, though they did not, as in the former case, disclaim the power to adopt the course suggested. It thus appears that a prisoner found insane by a jury has no right of appeal from this part of their verdict, though if he be merely found guilty, he is quite at liberty to ask the Appeal Court to find him insane. To the plain man, this will appear a highly anomalous and somewhat perilous state of affairs. The question of a man's mental condition may well be as vital as that of his guilt or innocence of criminal conduct, and its determination should be accompanied by similar safeguards. No part of the conclusions of an inferior court should be immune from review in the Court of Criminal Appeal.

A Callous Order.

An old couple at Highworth, Wiltshire, have brought up ten children upon the husband's wages as a farm labourer, thereby, it may be thought, discharging to the full their duty to the State. Six of their sons have entered the Army, there rendering honourable service to the nation. It is not enough. The eldest son—the one black sheep of the flock—has now deserted his four children, thereby rendering them chargeable to the parish, and in these circumstances the Guardians have called upon the old people to contribute five shillings weekly towards the maintenance of their grandchildren. This burdensome tax, which they are utterly unable to afford, seems to have been levied upon the wife, who, to eke out her husband's dwindling wages, has established herself in a humble way as a wardrobe dealer. Our information suggests that the authorities have dealt with the case in a most desultory and unfeeling manner, and we look to them to revise their order without delay.

A Costly Oath.

A prisoner sentenced to ten weeks' hard labour by the Hull Stipendiary, for an assault upon the police, was fool enough to swear at the magistrate as he left the dock. To avenge this affront, the cadi promptly ordered him back and added another two weeks to his term. Of the two offences the magistrate's was immeasurably the worse. Stung by his sentence, the man had spoken in momentary anger, for which generous allowance might well have been made. The infliction of a fortnight's imprisonment in respect of such an outburst savoured unpleasantly of petty resentment and by no means served to enhance the honour of the Bench. If the dignity of the Hull Stipendiary needs protecting in this drastic fashion, he has our sympathy.

Business.

This life is full of surprises. The Business Government has opened business in a remarkable place. The closing sessional meeting of the Social Purity Alliance, held in Derry, took the form of a Parliamentary election, at which there were four candidates, one Liberal, one Tory, one Laboural, and one Business. "The result of the poll was announced by the Chairman (the Rev. T. S. Taylor), who declared that the Business candidate (Mr. Rodger) was elected." Well might Shakespeare declare, "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in"—*our*—"philosophy." Far-seeing!

Result of Our Prince's Handicap Contest. Winners on page 28.

A Long Way Round.

At the Grimsby Quarter Sessions one Martin Neary was awarded three years' penal servitude for attempted shop-breaking. No sooner was the sentence pronounced than the Chairman realised that he had made a blunder, the penalty imposed being in excess of the maximum punishment prescribed by law for a mere attempt at felony of this description. Here clearly was a state of affairs crying for instant remedy. Instead of recalling the sentence, however, and "amending the record" as in such a case he might surely have done, the worthy Chairman advised the prisoner to go to the Court of Criminal Appeal and ask them to reduce his term to legal dimensions. This he did, and the sentence has now been exchanged for one of eighteen months' hard labour. A more roundabout way of arriving at justice can scarcely be imagined, and it seems hard that the appellant should be compelled to bear the cost of the Chairman's blunder. Meanwhile we urge his Worship to buy a copy of Archbold's "Criminal Practice" and learn what the law says about the crimes it permits him to punish.

A Cheery Lawyer.

During his twenty years' tenure of a Manchester public-house, Mr. Michael Ward incurred only one tiny "blister" upon his licence. He was once fined a sovereign for permitting drunkenness upon his premises, and in this solitary instance it appears that he was made to suffer for the neglect of an assistant. In any case his conviction presented no bar to the renewal of his licence by the Justices. Yet, when he recently applied for a "transfer" at Stockport, his Manchester house having been pulled down, this trivial episode was raked up and made a pretext for the defeat of his plans. At the instance of the police, and upon his solitary plea, the magistrates declined to grant him a licence. Particularly objectionable was a remark of the police solicitor, to the effect that "Stockport should not be made a dumping-ground for convicted licensees." There was no suggestion that the applicant had in any sense sought refuge in the borough, and this implied reflection upon his character was grossly unfair. The licence of advocacy has its limits.

Anybody Being Squared?

Judging by the Chairman's statement made from the Justices' bench at Horncastle a few days ago, some of the newspapers in the district are deliberately suppressing reports of important cases, in the interests of the persons convicted. This is so very grave an accusation against the local Press that it is a pity the Chairman did not shoulder the responsibility of naming the newspapers. Some time ago, we pilloried an editor who charged sliding-scale fees for keeping the names of convicted defendants out of his paper; he is probably unique. English journalists in general have a high sense of honour, and it is very rare indeed that a case otherwise worth reporting is suppressed. We trust the journalists of the Horncastle district will be able to rebut the grave charge made against them.

After the Boom, the Slump.

We are delighted to say that the persistency with which we have exposed the Great Emigration Lie is at last bearing fruit. From the emigration statistics issued by the Board of Trade, and covering the four months ended April 30th last, we find that 53,161 British subjects have emigrated to our dominions overseas, as compared with 102,032 for the similar period last year. As regards Canada, the figures are 31,601, against 66,930 for the like period last year. The drop is therefore more than half. Our compliments to the emigration tarradiddlers, official and unofficial, and will they kindly note that it is a long lie that has no ending?

"JOHN BULL'S" BIRTHDAY.

FLORAL OFFERINGS FOR THE HOSPITALS.

It was on June 9th, 1906, that JOHN BULL *was born, and so next week he celebrates the anniversary of his birthday.*

JOHN *has been the champion of many causes, but is never happier than when doing his little bit to bring brightness into the lives of those who live in dark places*

In all his ways JOHN *is distinctly original, and frequently daring. He is a law unto himself in many things, and, by reason of his reputation, he may venture much which would not be tolerated in others. So there is no reason for amazement when* JOHN *puts it bluntly to you—What are you going to give him as a birthday gift?*

Do not let your thoughts wander to gold and jewels and precious stones. He desires none of these things. Your birthday offering is not for himself. He asks only for what you can readily give—just a few flowers to cheer the sick wards of our hospitals and infirmaries, a few flowers which will bring the joy of the garden and the sweet perfumes of our happy land to those to whom the bright blooms and the scents of the roses are denied by reason of illness and accident.

You who are rich in the treasure of health, and who may wander at will amongst the flowers of your garden, think of the poor sufferers to whom the sweet-smelling blossoms are but a memory or a dream. JOHN *asks you to send a little of your joy of life to those to whom gladness is at present denied.* JOHN *does not ask you for orchids or rare blooms. The sweetest of flowers are found in the simple, rustic gardens.*

You are not asked to send great hampers from your garden treasury. Four or five roses, a small bunch of violas or violets, a handful of flowers—be they of the humblest kind—is all that JOHN *asks. A penny or twopence will pay the postage, and your reward will be in the knowledge that you have brought some hours of brightness into the lives of the suffering.*

*Pack your flowers in cardboard boxes, and address them to "*JOHN BULL, *25, Floral Street, Covent Garden, London."* JOHN *will see to it that they are distributed to the hospitals and infirmaries. Thus you will join in the celebration of* JOHN'S *birthday in a manner grateful to his heart. You will bring the sunshine of the garden to brighten the dark hours of sufferers. "I was sick and you visited me not." Your little bouquet will save you from such an indictment.*

RHYMES OF THE TIMES.

["Food is affected seriously by the mental condition of those who prepare it."—*Magazine article.*]

When the bacon's like a bullet,
And the porridge extra stiff,
We know now that Cook and Bobby
Must have parted in a tiff.
And when the pastry or the pudding
Is inordinately sweet,
Then we know some extra sugar
Has been taken from the beat.

When the egg is like a kerbstone,
And the toast a blackened chip;
Stony yolk, and bread cremation,
Tell us Jane has got the pip...
And when trays are overladen,
With the dishes we adore:
'Tis a sign the wife's been shopping—
And the bill's "a little more."

THE WEEK'S "BISCUIT."

["*Taking the Biscuit*" *has become a classic phrase, expressive of a satirical compliment. Below we present, each week, and in all good humour, the "Biscuit" to the individual or periodical named, in respect of the achievement or utterance indicated.*]

For stating that "Nobody had challenged his statement that, wherever Sunday closing had been tried, it had been a success, and there had been no popular movement to reverse it."

THE BISHOP OF LONDON
Takes the Biscuit.

Winner of Our £1,000 "Bullet." Prizes value £1,775 this week. See page 35.

BEWARE OF THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR!

ALTAR OR HALTER FOR CARSON?—DO YOU WANT WORK?—LIBELLING THE KING—GAMING.

Last week we drew attention—apropos of our recent conviction, under an Act of George IV, as "a rogue and vagabond," for an article on Derby Sweepstakes—to certain other old laws, still extant, under which our readers run daily risk of being pounced upon by the Public Prosecutor. We dealt with the offence of not attending church; of being a Jesuit at large without a licence; of swearing, and of trading on Sundays. This week we show the serious position in which Sir Edward Carson at present stands, the still more serious risk which he has just escaped, and the danger, even now, that the Public Executioner may forbid the banns of the contemplated marriage which, it was hoped, would bring the great Ulster protagonist rest and peace after the Home Rule storm. We also indicate one or two other unrepealed statutes which, in view of the recent official activity in connection with our ancient lottery law, may at any moment break out into fresh life.

LOOK OUT, SIR EDWARD!

Now what says Sir Edward Carson to the Treason Act of 1795, which provides, amongst other things, that any person "who shall compass or devise" means to "levy war to *compel a change of measures*" is to be deemed a "traitor" (much worse, you see, than a "rogue and vagabond"!) and is "to suffer death"? There can be no doubt that if the Government were to put this Act into force against Sir Edward Carson and Captain Craig, the Chancellor of the Exchequer would soon be in a position to collect the Death Duties upon their estates. And to show you what a terrible fate these "traitors" have escaped, it may be mentioned that until 1814 the mode of the death penalty was that "they should be drawn on a hurdle to the place of execution and there be hanged by the neck but not until they are dead, but that they should be taken down again, and that when they are yet alive their bowels should be taken out and burnt before their faces, and that afterwards their heads should be severed from their bodies, and their bodies be divided into four quarters, their heads and quarters to be at the king's disposal"; but in that year it was enacted that in all cases of high treason the sentence should be that the sufferer "shall be drawn on a hurdle to the place of execution, and be there hanged by the neck until such person be dead; and that afterwards the head shall be severed from the body of such person, and the body, divided into four quarters, shall be disposed of as his Majesty and his successors shall think fit." But this luscious and interesting punishment was repealed in 1870—and mere hanging is all that Sir Edward now has to fear.

THE STATE COMPELLED TO FIND WORK.

In 1601 an Act was passed under which Overseers were appointed in each parish to levy rates with which to provide work for those who could not secure it themselves. It will be remembered that, a few months ago, one of the unemployed, who evidently "knew something," applied to a Bench of magistrates for help in enforcing his rights under this law. The magistrates apparently could not understand him, regarding him as a lunatic. The statute in question was of an epoch-marking character, and it is noteworthy that, under it, workhouses were first built for the *profitable* employment of the poor.

HAVE YOU LIBELLED THE KING?

You remember the recent slanders upon his Majesty in connection with an alleged marriage, when very young, to an Admiral's daughter; and you will recall that a man named Mylius was sent to prison over the affair. Well, it was a lucky thing for him that he was not prosecuted under a statute passed in the reign of Henry VIII, which made it high treason, punishable by death, to "*believe*" the sovereign to be lawfully married to anyone other than his then queen. The cause of the trouble was Anne of Cleves, whose ugliness gave poor Harry such a shock when he first set eyes on her that he quickly got divorced and married again.

THE LAW OF GAMING.

The lover of antiquities ought to be pleased with our statutes about betting and gambling. To be sure, a few of the most important are between sixty and a hundred years old—a mushroom growth; but the earliest still unrepealed dates from 1541, and the activities of William III and Queen Anne in imposing penalties are still apparent. The Act of 1541 was passed by Henry VIII, who observed that humble folk preferred to play cards and other games instead of practising archery. So he forbade "artificers or craftsmen, husbandmen, apprentices, labourers, mariners, fishermen, watermen, serving men," etc., to play "tables, tennis, dice, cards, bowls, clash, coyting, and logating," and also enacted penalties for lacking bows and arrows. This continued untouched until 1845, when by a great effort the legislature remitted the penalties for not keeping bows and arrows, and allowed "games of mere skill." But most of the Act of 1541 still remains.

King William was grieved at the presumption of those who organised lotteries in competition with his own, and enacted that all lotteries of which the proceeds did not go into his Treasury should be deemed public nuisances and suppressed. Thus the law was established in its present form. Queen Anne's feelings were the same, and, by a statute in 1710, she required her officers "to use their utmost endeavours to prevent the drawing of any unlawful lottery." In the same year she also passed the Act declaring that cheques drawn in favour of a person advancing money for gambling shall be void, on which an important decision was registered by the Court of Appeal in 1907.

George II and his advisers objected to "excessive and deceitful gaming," and forbade raffles and the games of "ace of hearts, pharaoh, basset, and hazard." Thereupon some ingenious person promptly invented another game called passage—so that had to be forbidden the next year, also "roulet or roly-poly." These prohibitions still remain, but whether the game "roly" is illegal we do not know.

In 1884 there was a great case about card-playing, in which the late Lord Brampton laid down that all card-games except those of mere skill were unlawful, though he must have known that no conceivable game with shuffled cards can exclude the element of chance.

To bring matters rather more up-to-date, everyone knows that it is difficult for one person alone to cheat at whist, bridge, or auction, but very easy for two partners to do so. This being so, how has the law been laid down? Why, that a "whist drive" with a new partner each time is a lottery, but one with the same partner all through is a game of skill! So that, if card-sharpers really thought it worth their while to patronise a whist-drive, the law would make everything as smooth for them as possible.

The moral is obvious—the statutes of Henry VIII, William III, Queen Anne and the first four Georges are out-of-date and should be repealed.

THE ARTISTIC "TOUCH."

YOUNG MEN TAKEN IN AND DONE FOR.

In our issue of November 15th, we exposed a concern at that time calling itself the Berwick Press, and carrying on business at 3, New Oxford Street. Its principal line seemed to be the obtaining of premiums—usually £25 or 30 guineas—in return for tuition in the art of the advertisement poster, promising pupils a salary of 10s. a week during the first year of service and a minimum of 30s. a week during the second.

The result of our candid expressions was the issue of a writ by certain persons purporting to be carrying on the business. Various legal formalities were complied with, in the course of which the nature of our case was disclosed. Mr. Frederick White, one of the plaintiffs, thereupon called at the offices of our solicitors and informed them that he personally had no idea, until our allegations, of the way the firm had been conducting some of its business, his duties causing him to be long absent from the office. He therefore intended to withdraw from the action—and in due course did so. The disclosure of our evidence had also given Harry Percy White, the other plaintiff, "furiously to think." Prosecution of the action against us flagged—so much so, that on April 30th an Order of the Court dismissed it on this ground, White being, of course, ordered to pay the costs.

A Quick-Change Artist.

And no wonder he funked it! We have before us the statements of eight pupils or apprentices who responded to advertisements which emanated from the Berwick Press under various names. It is very difficult to keep track of the changes of name and address which were made by the concern, but besides 3, New Oxford Street, the principal in the business was also located during the last year at 144, High Holborn, 28, Fleet Street, and at some rooms in Chancery Lane. The parents of youths, at the interview at which the apprenticeship was settled, were told astonishing tales of the glory and importance of the "Advertisement Specialists" and of the sums its ex-pupils earned -while their *tete-a-tete* with the principal was almost invariably interrupted by a telephone call from an adjoining room which, upon his return to his "muttons," the bland artistic mentor stated was from either "David Allen's," or some other world-renowned firm, asking for the loan of an artist. The agreement varied in an important particular. By it White generally retained the right to dismiss a pupil before the expiration of the first three months if he showed no signs of ability. Those fathers who were not sufficiently under his spell to be blind to the most obvious precautions, usually insisted on the insertion of some clause providing that the whole, or some substantial portion, of the premium should be returned in that event.

Why "Drakes" Sailed to the West.

Once entered upon his duties, an apprentice speedily had his eyes opened. After the first week or so he found that he was left practically to shift for himself, no proper instruction being given him. It was also soon discovered that nearly all the staff consisted of apprentices who had been "taken in and done for" in the same manner. From time to time the band of students was sadly thinned by White discharging them before the expiration of their first year of service, and therefore prior to the wage of 30s. becoming payable. This was generally done on the ground that they were unpromising, and, even in the case of those whose fathers had exercised caution when signing the agreement, we believe that few ever had a farthing of their premiums back—although our own solicitors in one case did succeed in recovering. Mr. White has now been driven out of London—being located at 46A, Market Street, Manchester, where he adopts the style of "The Drake Studios." Upon his card he states that the head office of the Studios is still at 28, Fleet Street, London, and claims to have a branch at 116, Gilmore Road, Birmingham.

Perhaps our readers will keep an eye open for the further movements of these people, as it is likely that they have started their operations at yet another place.

"APPROVED" APATHY.

NATIONAL AMALGAMATED AND STARVING WOMAN.

Every day we receive complaints of the harshness and unfairness of the Insurance Act—so many, indeed, are they that, except they be very much out of the common, we are compelled to ignore them. A quite exceptional case, however, is that of a poor Wolverhampton woman. She tells us that two or three weeks ago her husband cut his throat, and has since been in the workhouse infirmary. As the poor wife was left to provide for herself and two children of four and two years of age, she naturally applied to his Approved Society—the National Amalgamated, Euston Square, which embraces the Pearl Assurance Company, to which her husband had contributed—for some of the much-vaunted succour which the Act was ostensibly passed to afford. She was, however, soon undeceived, the Secretary writing to her husband—though he should have been aware that the injured man was too ill to have made a claim himself, and that he was still in no condition to be worried by such seriously disappointing intelligence:—

> Referring to your claim to sickness benefit, we have to inform you that as the cause of your disablement is a breach of Rule 13 Para. 23, which states:—
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> "No member shall be entitled to sickness or disablement benefit where such sickness or disablement is caused through his own wilful and serious mis-conduct,"
>
> no sickness benefit can be allowed.

In all probability, had the poor chap succeeded in taking his life, the coroner's jury would have returned the verdict of "Suicide during temporary insanity." Surely, the presumption should even now be that his act was not "wilful," but was an involuntary one induced by an unhinged mind—in any event, humanity demands that, until the matter has been legally determined (as no doubt it will be when the man is sufficiently recovered to go before a magistrate), the unfortunate wife and children should not be deprived of the benefit for which he has paid. We are afraid, however, that humanity has little influence upon the administration of the Act; for all those who get fat jobs out of it care, the poor wife and children can struggle on, as long as body and spirit will hold together, on the 3s. 4d. a week which the Guardians are allowing them.

A PECK OF PEPPERS.

MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR AT NOTTING HILL.

A highly respectable man, seeking employment, replied to the following advertisement:—

> A Good Plain Writer wanted, male or female, to assist in office. Duties taught. Salary 35s. a week. Must deposit £50 cash security. Address Box ——.

His application brought a reply from Albert Peck, "Turf Accountant and Telegraphist," its printed address, "12, Tudor Street, London, E.C.," having been altered in handwriting to "54, Lancaster Road, Notting Hill, London, W." The document read:—

> Yours to hand and note contents. You can see the nature of my business as above, and although out of the ordinary, is a very profitable one. The duties chiefly would be correspondence and plain book-keeping; hours 9 till 6. The cash deposit is as security, for after a week or two you would be placed in charge of the office to attend to all correspondence and remittances from clients. If you think this would suit you I will make an appointment to see you.

The applicant's wife, on reading the letter we have quoted, immediately expressed the opinion that it was the money that Peck was after—and her view of the undesirability of a cash deposit has certainly been supported by inquiries which we have made.

A visit to what would appear to be Peck's old address in Tudor Street, resulted in obtaining the information that it is a shop at which he still has a letter-box, and where presumably he calls for his correspondence. At what he holds out as being his present abode or place of business, however, he is, we are informed, absolutely unknown; any communication which came addressed to him there, it was stated, would be returned to the Dead Letter Office! At this point we leave the mystery, but it is pretty obvious that Mr. Peck is "hot stuff."

Let "Bullets" Pay for your Holidays. More Bank Notes to be Won.

SLEEPY SENTINELS.

THE CRUISE OF THE "MOUNTJOY."

At the time of that pretty little gun-running incident on the Ulster coast, we invited our readers "just to suppose" it had been Germany instead of a pack of "conspirators" of our own breed. It proved in dramatic fashion that it is possible, nay easy, for serviceable quantities of rifles and ammunition to be shipped to our shores and expeditiously landed, without let or hindrance from the responsible authorities. Nor is there any apparent reason why such operations should be confined to the importation of small arms. If rifles and cartridges may be successfully smuggled, why not machine guns and troops? There are persistent rumours that field guns of a modern pattern have already been rushed through the coast defences of North-West Ulster. The mere possibility of such escapades is sufficiently appalling.

"WHISPER, AND HINT, AND CHUCKLE."

We are in a position to speak with confidence upon this matter and to disclose certain facts which might otherwise escape attention. To the British public in general, the news of the gun-running exploit at Larne came as a shock of surprise. The Admiralty authorities were completely hoodwinked. The police and coast-guards, as well as the Customs officials, were quite off their guard. Yet for days before the attempt the projected *coup* was a matter of common gossip in the port of Hamburg. The chances of its success were eagerly canvassed in Germany at a time when the British authorities apparently were wholly unaware of the plot. In these days of rapid communication it is scarcely credible that the Admiralty should have lacked intelligence upon a matter of such vital concern. There is, however, but one alternative inference. The British authorities were either ignorant of their danger, or else they chose to ignore such information as they received. Upon either hypothesis they were gravely at fault.

Apart from private sources of information, always accessible to officers of State, the movements of the mystery ship *Fanny* were openly chronicled in the newspapers. Her association with Ulster militancy was freely mooted. Yet, as far as can be ascertained, the Government appear to have entirely lost sight of her. When the *Mountjoy* appeared off Larne the authorities there apparently believed her to be the *Fanny* in disguise. Any cabin-boy in Hamburg Harbour could have corrected their blunder. Indeed, it seems probable that more was known of the escapade in Germany before the event than in England after it. Nor are we satisfied that matters are very much improved. The *Mountjoy* has steamed away into the darkness, and we very much doubt whether the Larne coast-guards would know which way to look for her if they have reason to expect her back.

CONSULAR "INTELLIGENCE."

As a result of independent inquiries, we are able to throw some light upon the matter. Our information is authoritative, and, to some extent, official. We can state with certainty that the *Mountjoy*, re-christened *Clydevalley*, is, or was at the time of writing, snugly berthed in the harbour of Hamburg. She reached the port on April 30th, less than a week after her exploits on the coast of Ulster. Her arrival was not reported to the British Consul, nor were any of the usual formalities observed. The crew were at once paid off, most of them returning by passenger steamer to Leith. Having discharged his men, the Captain, too, disappeared, without communicating in any way with the Consular authorities, whose regulations he had studiously ignored. The vessel remains in charge of two watchmen in a remote part of the harbour. She is not the only interesting denizen of the port. On May 9th the steamship *Fanny* arrived in the Hamburg docks, flying the Norwegian Flag. We respectfully commend these facts to the notice of the British Admiralty and of all other persons whom they may concern. Meanwhile, we should be glad to know why the prospect of illicit gun-running was not reported to London by the British Consular authorities at Hamburg at an earlier stage, and how it is that the rules which they are paid to enforce can be evaded with such fatal ease. Supposing it *had* been Germany, after all!

MISSING HEIR MERCHANTS.

YET ANOTHER RICHMOND IN THE FIELD.

The ranks of fee-snatching heir-tracers appear to be increasing. The latest to be brought to our notice is a firm styled F. and H. Warden Bros., Private Enquiry Agents, 7, Victoria Street, Sheerness, England (note the England), who are sending out a rather more cleverly worded circular letter than that of the originators of the game, Stuart and Ward, and their other competitors at it. The one before us deals with the name of Marshall, and begins as follows:—

> It has been brought to our notice, that a person by the surname of Marshall is urgently wanted as a claimant to Property, etc., and we have every confidence that you may be the lucky person.

That is an encouraging opening. The screed continues:—

> We make a speciality of tracing missing Heirs, having special facilities for doing so, and in the usual way these notices would never be brought to your notice so the money and estate would revert to the Crown.

We will not pause to point out the grammatical beauties of the above sentence, but will call attention to the subtle suggestion that money and an estate are to be had almost for the asking. Now comes a more personal touch:—

> We may mention that the notice *re* Marshall appeared quite recently and we have hastened to get in touch with you, and after some considerable trouble have succeeded in tracing you, but owing to the out of pocket expenses, etc., in doing so we are compelled to make a small charge of two and sixpence (2s. 6d.) to cover same.

Stuart and Ward perform like services for one and six.

> On receipt of the amount (the letter proceeds) we will at once send you per registered package full particulars of the claim, also the Solicitors acting for same, so that you can communicate with them immediately.

The majority of the solicitors we know would strongly object to being sent anywhere "by registered package." Wardens proceed:—

> We make no further charge than the 2s. 6d. whatever, only asking for your recommendation at a later date, or if you should require any financial help to establish your claim we shall be pleased to aid you.

Meantime, they themselves require the financial help, to the tune of 2s. 6d., of the innumerable Marshalls to whom they sent an identical circular.

We advise all recipients of similar letters to turn a deaf ear to the wiles of the senders. Not one estate out of a hundred "in Chancery" is worth the trouble and expense of getting out.

CHILD CHEATERS.

MORE ABOUT THE CARLTON ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY.

In our last issue we referred to what we styled the "ingenious" way of advertising adopted by the Carlton Electric Supply Company, of 137, Ladywood Road, Birmingham, who insert in various publications devoted to the interests and entertainment of the juvenile population the picture of a youth reading a book by a brilliant electric light, surrounded by letterpress containing the statement that "This electric light"—these words are in very large type—"may be fixed by you at your own home, and it will burn two hundred hours at the cost of eightpence. Send Postal Order for 1s. 2d. at once. The simple instructions sent will enable you to fix this light ready for use in a few hours." We have now seen a copy of the "instructions"—which we originally described as a catalogue, a term much more adequately describing their nature, the principal injunction being to procure the parts from the Carlton people; in order that there may be no mistake, the name and address are printed in thick type. The "instructions" are contained in six pages, each about 6 ins. by 4 ins., and the cost at the outside could be no more than a farthing a copy. Every boys' paper has time after time printed a far more lucid exposition of the way to make these simple electric appliances—and has dealt with the matter at very much greater length.

We are not surprised to see, following the price-list, the statement, "You need not pay cash for any of these articles. Write for terms, stating your requirements." The Carlton are evidently a catch-penny firm, and, therefore, just the kind of people to carry on the "something for nothing" confidence trick so familiar to us and our readers.

"Bullets"—the Best-Judged Competition with Most Prizes. See page 34.

ODDY'S ODDITIES.

MORE "TALL" TALKY-TALKY.

In our issue of May 2nd we commented upon the peculiar activities of Mr. J. B. Byrne, LL.D., who was circularising people replying to an advertisement for a private secretary to an American financier at £500 a year, making them the remarkable offer of a secretaryship in a new Company at that remuneration, in return for the introduction of somebody who would serve as a director (the qualification shares being found by Byrne) and proving his ability "to be of use." The concern for which he was seeking the disinterested director was the British Portland Slag, Cement and Coal Co., Ltd.—formed mainly to purchase the patent rights and processes of Mr. Thomas Oddy and the Oddy Development Syndicate (British Isles), Limited. The tangible assets to be acquired were so vaguely particularised and vouched for—though for one of them a quarter of a million pounds in cash was to be paid—that we felt justified in describing the affair as very much "up in the air."

A Liverpool reader was prompted by our article to ask whether the Mr. Thomas Oddy to whom we referred was identical with the gentleman of the same name who was two or three years ago making astounding discoveries regarding Ceylon. We cannot say, but his financial schemes are certainly not less astounding. That Mr. Thos. Oddy was apparently the presiding genius of the Oddy Artificial Flag Machine Company, and on letter-paper bearing that heading he wrote to a leading Colombo estate agency assuring them that, for some years past, he had been negotiating for clients and for himself personally the purchase and sale of land in and about Ceylon. Business was, however, difficult, as—so he assured his correspondents—investors in England looked askance at property in the island as there were "so many racial wars and revolutions"! This astounding imputation upon the tranquillity of the British Crown Colony naturally aroused the local press, and the *Times of Ceylon* rushed to assure Mr. Oddy that the "pearl of the Indian Ocean" is not in the South American revolutionary zone. Oddy invited offers during the "rubber boom" of freehold land, bearing producing trees, at an outside limit of 5s. an acre, at least ten fully matured trees to go to the acre. At that time the market price per pound of the commodity was more than the 5s. This generous proposition was not, however, to remain open indefinitely, for unless details were sent with "full power of attorney," the business was to be considered as "off." To facilitate matters, he sent a form on which were printed thirty-one questions—number 4 asking for the valuation of an expert; others prudently requiring precise particulars of the number of rubber trees and the estimated profit thereon; another being "Security: does the Government keep the State free from racial wars, and does such immunity extend to these estates?"

We think few with any knowledge of the subject will disagree with the conclusion at which the *Times of Ceylon* arrived—viz., that Oddy's ignorance of all appertaining to the rubber industry was so profound as to cause him to confuse eastern and western source of supply, and wild rubber with the cultivated variety—such estates as he required being worth anything from £80 to £360 per acre.

TOMMY ON "MINISTERING ANGELS."

AN EARLY GROUSE FROM YORKSHIRE.

According to the account of a patient, the Military Hospital at York is not altogether a comfortable place for the inmates. *Reveille*—sounded by a nurse banging things about in the wards—goes at 4 a.m. Then comes scrubbing of floors, burnishing cans, etc., until seven o'clock breakfast. This meal consists of sloppy tea, 4 ozs. of bread, and margarine. For dinner is served tough "old cow" or consumptive mutton. Tea—the last meal of the day—is exactly the same as breakfast. We are told that although the food is bad, the worst feature of the hospital is the sour-visaged nurses. Possibly, however, the quality of meat, and lack of female charms are blessings in disguise, as they help to curb the appetites of the patients, which would not otherwise be satisfied.

DOUBLE SCOTCH.

DEBT COLLECTING AGENCY'S PECULIAR LETTER.

A correspondent sends us a complaint of dilatoriness upon the part of Messrs. Stuart and Mackenzie, who conduct the "Universal" Debt Recovery and Accountancy Offices, of Aldersgate Chambers, 9, Goswell Road, E.C. He alleges that, in respect of some small debts, entrusted to them for collection over a year and a half ago, nothing has yet been received. Even if this be so, there may, of course, be circumstances which account for the disappointment of the creditor—even Scotchmen cannot get blood out of the proverbial stone. What does strike us as remarkable, however, is the phraseology of the printed letter, sent to the anxious inquirer after the bawbees which they were endeavouring to get in. This document, but for the obvious nationality of the firm, we should describe as "double Dutch"—for it runs:—

> We are in receipt of your letter in reference to your cases. We have looked over same and note that a statement and remittance will make up and render to advantage shortly, and you may rely on us attending to this at the proper time. In the meantime we will endeavour to hasten matters as much as possible and herewith hand you a full report which is the most that can be done at present.

The "operative" part (as the lawyers term it) of the "full report" is headed "Paying us by instalments," after which the bare surname of the debtor has been typed in, there being no particulars of the sum collected, or the amounts and dates of the instalments paid. We wonder what Stuart and Mackenzie's *brief* reports can be like!

MILLER WANTS MUGS.

OPPORTUNITIES ON OFFER TO THE OPENMOUTHED.

The latest swank American imports are a couple of persons calling themselves F. Williams and F. W. Miller. The former is the General Manager, and the latter Secretary and Treasurer, of the "International Opportunities Institute," 38, Marlborough Mansions, Cannon Hill, Finchley Road. "We are," they state, "the creators of the world's opportunities, positions, and sub-agencies." To those who are tired of working for someone else they bring glad tidings from "across the herring pond." They are here to show the British workers how to become their own masters, and amongst other fairy tales told in their booklet is one about a young man in London who started a mail order business with £2 and in two years he made £5,000—why *do* all the "horrible examples" of these Yankee parasites start with £2? Marlborough Mansions are residential flats, and from inquiries we learn that nothing is known of either Williams or Miller, beyond the fact that they live there. Possibly they are over here for the Exhibition at Shepherd's Bush and the little business they are running is just to keep them in funds until the autumn, when they will return to the land of their fathers. We have too many of their kidney here already.

RILEY ARRESTED.

PUBLIC PROSECUTOR MOVES AGAINST "DEPOSIT" FIRMS.

Our readers will be interested to learn that Henry Riley, who was apparently the proprietor of Henry Riley and Co. and the Lancashire Clothing Club—both of which concerns we have criticised from time to time—has just been brought up at the local police-court on a warrant, charged with obtaining a shilling (forwarded as a deposit by a customer) by false pretences. Process was applied for by the Public Prosecutor, and after evidence of arrest Riley was remanded on bail for a week.

It would, of course, be improper for us to comment on the case while it is *sub judice*, but the many readers who have written to us regarding the firm or the "Club" should note that in the newspaper reports of the case the new address is given as 54, Bank Parade, Burnley—they will doubtless remember that, in a recent issue, we reproduced the house agent's announcement that the old premises at 24, Accrington Road, were to let.

For the Pen Coupon turn to page ii. of cover.

"JOHN BULL'S" WEEKLY CINEMA.

BULL-DOGGEREL RHYMES BY "THE BOW-WOW."

"Goddarn an cuss these Britishers!"
Cries Uncle Sam with heat;
And with his vanquished champions
Condoles on their defeat

Despite Lloyd George's bold attempt
To stem the flowing tide,
Ipswich electors with contempt
Sweep Masterman aside.

Affection for the "Silver King"
Time not one whit abates;
George, sure to do the proper thing,
Willard congratulates.

What thinks Parnell, if he can see
His inmost soul exposed—
To vulgar curiosity
His secret life disclosed?

Why doth the wily Suffragette
Indulge in wild alarms?
Because she likes to be, you bet,
Held in a bobby's arms!

Last week the wave of tropic heat
Caused John Bull to perspire;
But all the same, it was a treat
To do without a fire.

DOUBTING TOM-ASSES.

A "BULLETS" TRIBUTOR REPLIES TO INQUIRIES.

Mr. H. J. Gruselle, of "Belle Vue," Leeside Crescent, Golder's Green, N.W., whose tribute to our "Bullets" judging we recently published, sends us the following further letter:—

> When perusing my copy of your excellent paper last Wednesday morning, I noticed that you had printed my letter *re* "Bullets" judging. Imagine my surprise, when I arrived home the following evening, to find several letters waiting for me, asking if I had really sent the letter, one inquiring how much I had been given to write it, and two or three asking for a detailed explanation of the Football Competition adjudicating. I have replied to one, but not having the time to spare to reply to all—which I should have liked to do—I destroyed the remainder. I think that now the Footer season is over, and I for one, being an enthusiastic player and follower of the game, it would not be out of place if you gave a rough idea in JOHN and *Mary* of the method and great trouble you take to ensure the winner getting his prize. You may make what use you wish of this letter, and can inform all and sundry that I *did* write that letter, that I did not, and have no wish to, receive any payment for writing it, and that JOHN BULL Competitions are absolutely straight

We will certainly consider Mr. Gruselle's suggestion. The judging of the forecasts, however, is almost entirely automatic, practically the only interesting feature being the precautions we adopt to prevent the alteration, addition or substitution of coupons after the matches have been played.

THE ROOSEVELT RIVER.

Roosevelt, the modern Nimrod, having hovered,
Like his own Eagle, over lands unknown,
Announced to all the world he had discovered
A brand-new river of his very own.

Out from Brazilian fastnesses he thundered
His tidings in a voice that's never small;
The scientific world sat up and wondered,
Treating his tale as just a whit too tall.

They did not count this news from one so able
As golden manna from the wilderness;
Fingers to nose, they said it was a fable,
All of them scoffed, with 'nary one to bless.

Geographers were jubilant and gladsome—
Said the new river was a bad night's dream;
Landor, who laughed, said he'd been there and had some,
Pouring cold water on that slandered stream.

Men who make maps refused to have them altered,
Sternly deciding to leave that river out;
Roosevelt, meanwhile, hedged not a bit nor faltered,
But from his tongue defiance flung about.

There now it rests; each cries, "You're another!"
Neither content to let the matter be;
He claims his stream's a new one and no other,
They cry, "A river? Bosh! You're all at sea!"

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THE BEAUTIES OF THE BALLOT AT HERNE BAY.

The Annual Meeting of the Herne Bay Urban District Council is an event of no mean importance, and never have its proceedings so richly deserved publicity as in this current year of grace. That its deliberations were marred by angry dissensions and by heated outbursts of temper is little or nothing to the purpose. Urban Councillors, alas, are not immune from human frailty, and where mighty issues are at stake sharp conflicts of opinion must needs arise. Happy the community whose civic fathers are strong to "take occasion by the hand" and bring staid order out of seething strife!

The trouble began with the proposal to elect a Chairman *pro tem*, pending the formal choice of officers for the ensuing year. Obviously, the post is one of the briefest dignity, but it appears none the less to possess considerable attraction for aspirants to civic fame. Two names were formally proposed, and a recorded vote was about to be taken, when one of the candidates, Councillor A. G. Iggulden, stepped boldly towards the seat of state and said:—

> By right and under the Public Health Act, I take this position, and I am here to accept the vote for the Chair *pro tem*.

It appears that the worthy Councillor was Chairman of the Council last year, and it will presently be seen that, in asserting his lawful authority, he was actuated by no wanton motive. Indeed, with a fine public spirit, he at once offered to submit his pretensions to the judgment of his fellow councillors. Though claiming the Chair as of right, he would scorn to hold it except with the loyal assent of his colleagues. A vote was accordingly taken and resulted in an exact tie between the rival claimants. At this juncture a troublesome deadlock might have arisen but for the prescient tact of Councillor Iggulden. Having assumed control of the meeting, "under the Public Health Act," this gentleman possessed a casting vote, which, with unerring instinct, he gracefully bestowed upon himself.

Preliminary difficulties having been thus happily adjusted, the Council proceeded with quickened interest to the staple business of the day. It was now necessary to select a worthy recipient for the highest honour in the Council's gift—in short, to choose a Chairman for the year. Here again a healthy spirit of emulation was manifested. Certain Councillors were convinced that Councillor G. Page was of all men most admirably fitted to discharge the delicate duties of the Chair, while the rest would have been charmed to support Councillor Page but for their undying assurance that Councillor E. Gedye was marked out by nature for the presidential rôle. The sympathies of the Acting-Chairman were with the first-named gentleman, but his suggestion that the Council should "give Councillor Page the benefit of a unanimous vote" evoked but a scanty response. Once more the fortunes of the ballot were evenly divided, and again Councillor Iggulden thought fit to employ his casting vote. It need hardly be said that it fell upon the worthy Page, who was thus declared Chairman of the Council for the next twelve months.

Limitations of space will not permit us to do justice to the remaining proceedings. Hardly can we stay to tell how the vote for a Vice-Chairman resulted in a further tie, and how once more the Acting-Chairman bestowed the insignia of office upon the object of his choice. It will readily be seen that Councillor Iggulden "knew what he was about" when he assumed, though but for a few brief moments, the powers and dignity of the civic Chair. But for his unfailing resource, the Council might have been rent with strife and covered with unseemly confusion to this very hour. As it is, we learn that gentle calm has succeeded the storm of contention, so that sweet peace now reigns in the district of Herne Bay.

THAT PEN AGAIN!

"The pen is mightier than the sword!"
The poet says. We take his word,
For what he meant just then.
I really think he had in mind
The days to come when we should find
Each had a John Bull Pen! "Anglo."

LEAKING BOATS.

A WORD TO THE CUNARD COMPANY.

Once more it is our duty to complain of shocking carelessness on the part of a Steamship Company in relation to the safety of their passengers. In the Continental traffic of the Cunard Line it seems to be the practice to anchor vessels at some distance from the shore and to disembark passengers by means of the ships' boats. This course was adopted upon the arrival off Venice a few weeks ago of the R.M.S. *Ivernia*, which is said to have been moored some seven miles from the coast. We are credibly informed that the first boat lowered for this purpose at once began to leak badly, and had soon shipped from two to three feet of water. Its passengers were then transferred to another boat, which was also leaking, though not to the same extent. So terrified were some of the occupants that they climbed back on to the liner, declining to go ashore at all. To allay their fears, it was ultimately arranged that a tender should accompany the boats, three of them being actually towed by the pilot vessel. A spare boat followed in case of serious emergency. We are informed that all of the boats were in a more or less leaky condition.

An eye-witness of these occurrences has furnished us with several interesting photographs tending to confirm our information. The tender and the spare boat are shown, and as far as can be judged the remaining craft appear to have been seriously overcrowded. This is especially apparent in the case of one boat, whose occupants seem to be having a most uncomfortable time. At one point of their transit the fears of the passengers were heightened by the disquieting appearance of a fast steamship in their wake.

The facts constitute a severe reproach both to the Board of Trade authorities and to the management of the Cunard Line. Disregard of the comfort and convenience of passengers is a matter between the Company and its patrons, but their protection from avoidable risks is a matter of public concern. The provision of a sufficient number of seaworthy boats is a prime condition of maritime safety, although this is by no means the first time that we have had to complain of the palpable neglect of so obvious a precaution. Failing their adequate enforcement, the elaborate rules of the bogus Board are worth less than nothing. Is the grim lesson of the *Titanic* yet unlearned?

ET TU, NEWSIE!

(*"The scratching of The Tetrarch, the unbeaten favourite for the Derby, will please the bookmakers who, on a rough estimate, ought to net from a quarter to half a million by it. Ever since November the bookmakers have been laying against The Tetrarch, and rumours about it have been in circulation. Evidently the fraternity knew something."—Daily News, May 14th.*)

The dear old *Daily News*,
Professes to refuse
With matters that are gee-geeish to mix up;
Yet very greedily,
Or so it seems to me,
The cup of Tetrarch gossiping it licks up!

Its language, I declare,
Is, so to say, all there;
Its words are to the manner born, quite horsy.
'Tis coming on apace;
It talks about the Race
In fashion that quite borders on the saucy!

It speaks of bookies and
Of favourites (with bland
Pickwickian smile, no doubt, upon its features);
None else must deal with horse,
Or jockey, or the course,
At risk of being labelled sinful creatures!

The *Daily News* alone
Can grovel at the throne
Of Tetrarch or of other bonnie gee-gee,
Without a loss of caste—
In others 'twould be "fast"!
Here ends the discourse of the poet C. G.

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CCCXXX.—THE WOMAN PAYS.

We have from time to time kept our readers posted regarding the various tricks and subterfuges of "Stanley," who, it will be remembered, is particularly notorious or his bogus Matrimonial Agency. He works with a woman called Alice Leach, who, in common with her male companion, has certainly "played many parts," her favourite role being that of a charming lady, bountifully endowed with this world's goods, who is desirous of wedding any clerk, mechanic or counter-jumper who is prepared to pay "Stanley" a guinea or two for an introduction. For thirteen years "Stanley" has been "on the crook," some of his changes during that period being into the proprietor of a Hire Purchasers' Protection Society (when we abbreviated his endeavours to obtain deposits from would-b^{o} collectors, his unkindest "cut" on his disappearance being to leave in the lurch the persons from whom he obtained his own furniture); Collector for a Blind charity, for which he dressed "in character," adorning himself with green glasses; and running an employment bureau. Sometimes he has narrowly avoided awkward encounters with his dupes; upon one memorable occasion he got away by dressing up as a woman—and immediately went to Epsom and carried on a "Mission"!

But, whatever abhorrence we may feel for this rascal's hypocrisy and fraud, there are those connected with him for whom we have sincere pity. Dragging on a miserable existence in a remote London suburb is a poor woman whose greatest shame is that she is the wife of this faithless and mean scamp. She has four children, three of whom—a girl of twelve (the eldest), a boy of five, and a baby of nine months—are with her. Four years ago "Stanley" left the poor creature—not as the result of incompatibility of temper, or for any other valid reason, but apparently in pursuance of his settled policy to take as his partner a woman who would consent to co-operate with him in his Matrimonial Agency fraud.

He took the fourth child—a girl of eight, who is both crippled and deformed. From time to time he has visited his wife, the last occasion being a few weeks ago. After expressing great affection for her, he borrowed every penny she had, promising to send her a larger sum when he got back "home"—but, of course, failing to keep his word. His payments towards the support of his wife and three children have averaged only 5s. a week, though he is always prodigal with his promises. The poor half-starved wife is, of course, unable to pay rent or buy clothing on such an allowance, even were it regular, and is constantly being driven from pillar to post as landlord after landlord has evicted her. All the furniture has long since gone, and to add to her troubles the boy has given evidence of a disposition which she fears he has inherited from his father.

At the time our representative visited her, the poor woman was owing six weeks' rent; never having been paid a farthing, the landlord naturally refused further time. We rendered some temporary assistance, which induced him to stay his hand, and also enabled the poor woman to pay something on account of the amounts owing to various tradesmen, who, too, will doubtless now grant her a little indulgence. We have told her plainly that her best course is to obtain a judicial separation from the thing, masquerading as a man, whose name she bears; he will then be ordered to give her more adequate maintenance, and if he does not pay the instalments will be promptly sent to prison.

Who will aid her to bring the necessary proceedings, and in the meantime provide the wherewithal for the existence of herself and her children?

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

We have received the following, which we have duly forwarded to the subjects of the "Human Documents" named:

CCXC.—F. R. H. S., 21s.

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We have this week divided £10 from the John Bull Football Cup Sweepstake Charity Fund between CCCXXVII and CCCXXVIII; and £10 from the John Bull Grand National Sweepstake Charity Fund as follows:—CCCXXIX, £5; £3 to the poor man mentioned in the paragraph in our last issue, entitled "We Bridge the Chasm"; and £2 to the Hackney Road tradesman, whose hard case was described in the paragraph, also published in our last issue, headed "A Just Demand."

Mr. W. R. Thompson and Mrs. R. C. Corbett, the winners of the first prizes in our 82nd and 83rd "Bullets" Competitions, respectively, have each sent us £5, which we have divided between "Human Documents" CCCXXIV, CCCXXV, CCCXXVI, CCCXXVII, CCCXXVIII and CCCXXIX.

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Total, £3, 1s. 8d., of which we have allocated £1 each to CCCXXIV. and CCCXXVII., and £1 1s. 8d. to CCCXXIX.

We have to acknowledge the following on behalf of the poor woman referred to in our issue of April 18th, under the heading of "Not Strained":—"Anonymous," 2s. 6d.; C. H. J., 2s. 6d.; A. B. (Birmingham), 1s., F. B., 1s.; L. G. R. (Leeds), 1s.; H. M., 2s. 6d.; Sergt. F. T. F., 10s.; P. L. (Negri Sembilan), 4s. 6d. D. G. R. (Vancouver), 2s. 3d.: H. H., £5

Result of Our Prince's Handicap Contest. Winners on page 28.

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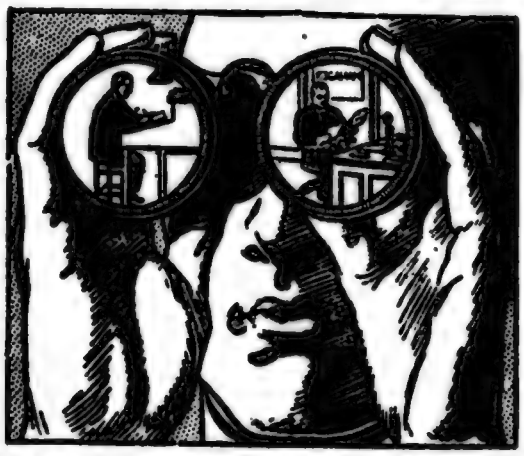

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Avenon's Charity, they say in West Ham, is so called because the poor 'ave non—or only £5 4s. a year!

The history of this perverted charity is extremely interesting, and the public spirit of the Overseers of West Ham enables us to give a full account of it.

Nicholas Avenon was a tailor who, on March 10th, 1580, executed a deed assigning to twelve trustees a piece of marsh pasture-land in Plaistow, directing them to apply the rent of it to the purchase of 24 penny loaves weekly, to be distributed at the parish church amongst 24 poor people of West Ham, one loaf to each, "and the residue of the pfitt [profit] thereof yf auye shall aryse and growe out of the said prmysses over and above the said sum of two shillings a weke the same to be employed for and towards the charges of a sermon once everye yere to be made within the same parryshe Churche." In 1580 the rent was £5 4s. per annum; just enough to pay for the bread. To-day the rents amount to £321 a year. Yet the poor get only £5 4s. per annum, and the benefice of All Saints, West Ham (one of 19 local parishes), gets the balance.

IN THE CLUTCHES OF THE CHURCH.

Of course, worthy Nicholas Avenon never dreamed that the rent of his pasture land would rise much above £5 4s.—hence the words "*for and towards* a sermon." Avenon's old Original Trustees, however, after appointing successors to themselves for some long period, at length forgot to do so, and ceased to exist, and "the Vicar of West Ham," a person not mentioned in the deed, was found in 1824 to be in receipt of the rents. Thereafter the Church—absolutely an intruder—kept a firm grip of the money, and when in 1879 the estate was developed and houses built on it, the Church retained all the growing residue. In 1903 the West Ham Non-Ecclesiastical Charity Board came into power, but from their purview Avenon's charity was excluded. The result was that from 1903 to 1909 there was actually no Board for Avenon's Charity, but the Vicar of West Ham continued to take the £300. In 1909 the Overseers discovered that they were Trustees, assumed (with Churchwardens and Vicar) control of the charity, but declined to make the payments to the Vicar. Hence litigation ensued. The Overseers proposed to devote the money to almsrooms, scholarships, and works of reference for the libraries. In this they were supported by the West Ham Corporation. In 1911 the Attorney-General as a means of raising the issue in Court took out a summons against Overseers, Churchwardens and Vicar. The Treasury Solicitor, who moved these proceedings, declined to join the Corporation as defendants.

MIGHT *versus* RIGHT.

It is pointed out in the Overseers' memo. that the Corporation could have appealed against an adverse decision and spent public money, whereas the Overseers were legally only private individuals for purposes of appeal. Anyhow, the Church had it all their own way. There is little doubt that the central authorities of the Church of England fought the case, with ample funds for legal purposes. In January, 1912, it came before Mr. Justice Parker in the Chancery Court. He said many things favourable to the Overseers, but they were all interlocutory. The case went into Chambers, where the Master said that "on the merits, the Overseers were probably entitled to say that only a reasonable sum should be allowed for the sermon, and that the rest of the income should be applied for purposes other than ecclesiastical." Nevertheless, he was of opinion that the law and the recorded cases were against the Overseers. In May, 1913, when the Overseers hoped that Mr. Justice Parker would try the case to its conclusion, they discovered that that judge had been promoted, and judgment was given against them by Mr. Justice Warrington, whose decision was embodied in a scheme, as stated, wholly favourable to the church.

Everyone who uses commonsense knows that this is wrong, just as the Master in Chambers knew it. Even the present Vicar of West Ham, who benefits by the decision, said in 1910 that "he could not help sympathising with the poor, because, on the face of it, it was very hard."

Perhaps the West Ham Corporation who are the public vestry of West Ham could relieve this distressing situation by themselves taking fresh legal action.

JOHN BULL'S VARIETY TURNS.

AFTER IPSWICH.

SCENE: *Mr. Lloyd George's room at the Treasury.*

LLOYD GEORGE: Come, come, Masterman, my dear chap, don't look so down in the mouth. You'll win a seat one of these days, if you only keep on trying. Next time you stand I'll come and speak for you.

MASTERMAN (*sitting with bowed head buried in his hands*): Thank you—for nothing.

LLOYD GEORGE (*stiffening*): For nothing? What *do* you mean, Charles? I'm surprised that you should speak to me like that, Charles, after all the sacrifices I have made for you. Didn't I ignore political etiquette, and intervene—a Cabinet Minster, mind you—in a bye-election?

MASTERMAN (*gruffly*): You did—unfortunately.

LLOYD GEORGE: Unfortunately? What the deuce are you driving at? Do you mean to say you blame me for your defeat? This is outrageous!

MASTERMAN (*sulkily*): You contributed to it, any way.

LLOYD GEORGE: That's cool! Why, if anything could have won you the election, my magnificent speech——

MASTERMAN (*interrupting impatiently*): That did it. If you want the truth I'll give it you. You came down to Ipswich to speak for *me*, didn't you? Very well, then. But you made a speech practically *all about yourself!*

LLOYD GEORGE (*deprecatingly*): Well, naturally, my dear chap, I had to make *some* slight reference to myself, hadn't I? The spectacle of a Cabinet Minister intervening in a bye-election demanded *some* explanation.

MASTERMAN (*petulantly*): Yes, yes. I know all about that. But that was no reason why you should refer to yourself over a hundred times. The *Daily Mail* took the trouble to reckon it up. I expect you are so accustomed to blowing your own trumpet that you don't know when you are doing it. Anyone would have thought *you* were the candidate. And they voted accordingly.

LLOYD GEORGE: Well, I like that! I tell you, if it had rested with me, and your own record had been a bit clearer, you would have won.

MASTERMAN: My record? Explain yourself!

LLOYD GEORGE: Akbar, Akbar, my boy. The whitewash you splashed about during the reformatory inquiry has never been forgotten. *That's* what beat you, despite my efforts. That, and the man Scurr.

MASTERMAN (*angrily*): I tell you I put down my defeat to *you*, and your damned taxation! Look at the votes you've turned! What about Pretty? You're making all the rich Radicals sick, and you'll find it out at the General Election.

LLOYD GEORGE: So *this* is your gratitude, is it? Who's helped you forward more than I have? What would you be now if it hadn't been for me?

MASTERMAN: Member for Ipswich.

LLOYD GEORGE: Bosh! Piffle! This licking has turned your brain. You were beaten by your own record—and Scurr, and by nothing and nobody else.

MASTERMAN: It would have come to the same thing if Scurr hadn't stood. Smaller majority against, perhaps, but a defeat none the less.

LLOYD GEORGE (*starting*): *I* know what it was turned the scale, Charles! I've just thought of it. I believe it was JOHN BULL!

MASTERMAN (*wildly*): For goodness sake don't bring that up, else you'll just about drive me mad!

Knock at door. Enter T. P. O'CONNOR.

TAY PAY: Ah, Masterman, me bhoy, congratulations on not bein' defayted by a bigger majority.

MASTERMAN (*ignoring outstretched hand, and turning his back on* TAY PAY): I want nothing to say to you, you Liverpool Irishman!

TAY PAY: Phwarts all this at all? Afther me doin' me best for yez, comin' down tu spake, an' all?

MASTERMAN: That's just it. If you and Lloyd George had kept away I should have won the seat. Lloyd George talks about himself all the time, and you—you call me "a beautiful soul"! That cost me a couple of hundred votes, I'll swear. Ipswich electors don't want a "beautiful soul" to represent them, but a practical politician.

TAY PAY: Well, av all the ingrathitood . . . . !

(*Still wrangling as curtain falls.*)

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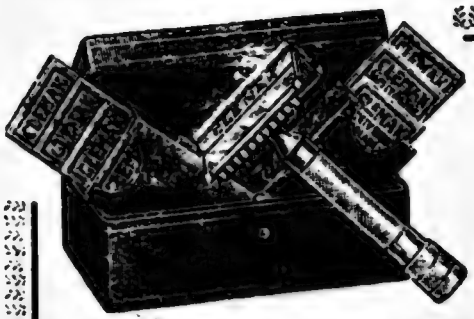

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CANDID COMMUNICATIONS.

[This page is devoted to Open Letters to Celebrities, Notorieties, and, occasionally, Nonentities.]

To Rudyard Kipling, Esq.

Dear Boanerges,—You are uncommonly strong in the arm. The Liberal Party, so you would have us believe, have been guilty of "crooked work," of which the meanest "sneak-thief" would be ashamed. With a perfidy like that of "fraudulent solicitors," they have "broken the faith of generations" and "officially recognised conspiracy and rebellion." All this they have done for the sake of their salaries, which they "embezzled under trust" from public funds. Maliciously reviving the wretched Marconi story, you have sought to embellish it with nastiness of your own concoction, narrowly missing apoplexy in the attempt. You affect to believe this noisy nonsense, and to be equally convinced that the Tory Party comprises none but angels of sweetness and light. It is a pity that a man of your parts should so far descend "to tickle the ears of the groundlings." A single stanza of your stimulating verse is worth volumes of this absurd scurrility. I pray you, leave gutter rhetoric to men of meaner mind.

John Bull.

To L. S. Amery, Esq., M.P., House of Commons.

Sir,—You make no secret of your opinion that "the great constitutional issues at stake to-day, of which the Irish question is only one, cannot be settled on Party lines." I congratulate you upon your somewhat belated discovery of this truth, and I welcome your further suggestion for "the summoning of a national and non-partisan convention to work out on practical lines some agreed solution of the problem of local government." I warn you, however, that experiments of this kind will inevitably prove fatal to the Party system of government, of which you have so far been an active and trenchant supporter. Once show the people the better way, and they will never desire to revert to the other. Sooner or later, you must face the logic of your convictions. Are you ready for the plunge?

John Bull.

To Major Lang, Chief Constable, East Sussex Constabulary.

Dear Policeman,—You seem anxious to rival the unenviable notoriety of your colleague of West Sussex, and I am bound to say you have made a promising start. By your harsh and inconsiderate action, Police Sergeant Bishop, of Uckfield, an officer of good standing and high character, has been reduced to the rank of constable, and thus gravely injured in pay, prospects, and repute. But for your cruel sentence, he would two years hence have retired from the force with an honourable record and with a much larger pension than he can now hope to enjoy. You excuse your intervention by suggestions of "incompetency," but Bishop has been sergeant nine years, and the fact that you have taken so long to discover his alleged shortcomings makes me rather sceptical of the honesty of your plea. In any case, you expressly acquit the man of any moral or disciplinary lapse, and for faults of a lesser degree the punishment you have inflicted is brutally excessive.

John Bull.

To the Rev. E. W. Lewis, M.A., B.D., formerly Minister of the King's Weigh House Church, W.

Honest Sir,—It is a rare and a rather impressive thing which you have done. Alive to "the incongruity between the position of being a man of God and the position of being a comparatively high-salaried, comfortably-conditioned official in organised religion," you have thrown up your living, sacrificed an income of six hundred a year, and gone forth with no precise prospects of where to lay your head." Seldom has a minister of your faith been constrained to walk so closely in the footsteps of its lowly Founder, and by the world at large you will doubtless be called a fool for your pains. We are not much accustomed in these latter days to the faith which prescribes martyrdom. For myself, I can only hope that you may find that deep peace which comes to those who have walked hand-in-hand with Truth along life's devious ways.

John Bull.

To O. Locker-Lampson, Esq., M.P. for Salisbury, House of Commons.

Dear Oliver,—Allow me to say that I have read with great interest, and not a little amusement, your speech in introducing your Sale of Honours Bill. Though it was read for the first time by a majority of 207 to 42—indicating that Liberals and Tories alike are anxious to repudiate even so much as the suggestion that they would commit so shocking an outrage on the proprieties of political life as to treat with a Minister, through a Party Whip, for the purchase of a peerage or the gift of a job—I am not sanguine enough to believe that it will reach the Statute Book, or that, if it does, it will make any difference to anybody concerned in the huckstering. Even a Prime Minister is under no obligation to incriminate himself; and ever since peerages and baronetcies and other titles of honour were first sold to the snobs of political Parties, for cash contributed to their funds, with as easy a conscience as the multifarious Lipton sells pork, or cheese, or tinned salmon over the counter, it has not been the custom for the salesman to admit the sale, or for the purchaser to disclose the price of the goods.

The heavy penalties to be imposed by your Bill on all persons recommending or receiving honours as a result of monetary transactions constitute a brave effort to end a nefarious traffic, but while the Party system persists as an instrument of government in this country, I do not anticipate the pleasure of perceiving a trembling Prime Minister or a quaking Whip answering for his crime at the bar of outraged Justice.

John Bull.

To Paul Taylor, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Marylebone.

Dear Mr. Paul Taylor,—It is typical of the sound common sense which usually characterises your magisterial decisions that you should have expressed your candid views on the police admissions of dice-throwing for drinks in the station canteen at West Hampstead, made in the course of an assault case before you. As you are aware, I have already had occasion to allude to this interesting and exciting entertainment, as organised by the West Hampstead police. I agree with you that "nobody but a prig of a peculiarly odious type would see anything morally censurable in it," but I cannot follow you in doubting that it has received the approval of Scotland Yard. I have every assurance that Scotland Yard approves of dice-throwing for drinks in the police canteens of the Metropolis as not only a moral, but a highly meritorious, recreation. I will add, further, that it ought to be approved by Sir Charles Mathews, the Public Prosecutor, as well as by the Treasury Counsel employed by that official. It is the one form of gambling which has the official *imprimatur*. The police have established it as a religious principle and a saving grace. Their whole spiritual energies are directed against the more scandalous forms of social iniquity—such as dice-throwing for drinks in public-houses, and whist drives for nuts and figs in little bethels—while the utterer of the softest whisper of a Derby sweepstake afoot in distant lands they prosecute with the utmost rigour of the law.

John Bull.

To T. Duncombe Mann, Esq., Clerk to the Metropolitan Asylums Board, Victoria Embankment, E.C.

Dear Sir,—This is to inform you that I have heard with astonishment and disgust of the refusal of the officials of your Board to lend an ambulance for the conveyance of one of the victims of the Penge omnibus collision to the Croydon Hospital. One of the head officers of the Board was informed by the doctor in attendance, as well as by the police, that the man was seriously injured and in a condition requiring urgent removal. Nevertheless the ambulance was refused, not because it was engaged, but because the precise place where the collision occurred was a few yards outside the London area. To me, and probably to the majority of people, it seems deplorable—perhaps I ought to say scandalous—that human life should be imperilled by these petty, inconsequent trivialities on the part of public authorities. When every moment was precious this man, severely injured as he was, was kept waiting two hours for a suitable ambulance to convey him to the nearest hospital, a distance of four miles; and that callous inhumanity is neither to be condoned as the blundering of an official nor defended as a regulation of a Board.

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And a "bumper over the bender,"
  Is now a thing of the past.

Old Jack with the rubicund face,
  Old Tom in his topcoat of grey,
Are outed for good in the race,
  Their way-bill's put out of the way;
No more will their repartee sting,
  No more will their pleasantries stick,
And they will not be guyed by walkers,
  Who trudged o'er the bridge just as quick.

Old Joe, who is rapping so hard,
  You'd fancy his tough heart was broke,
Is really the artfullest card,
  Who never meant half what he spoke;
While rounding on motors like fun
  For bringing him into this plight,
Old Joe, when his day's work is done,
  Takes motoring lessons at night.

There's few of them stick to the horse,
  And the gee he can't stick to them;
It's hard lines upon them, of course;
  No wonder new things they condemn;
It's rough, working hard all your days,
  And settled for old age, you think,
To be outed by new-fangled ways,
  By a wheel, and a *honk*, and a stink!

Good-bye to the bumper, good-bye!
  This is the last time we can talk
Of the 'bus that went over the bridge
  Nigh as quick as a fellow can walk;
But Time marches on with his stride,
  It's idle for 'bussies to care—
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  When all of us travel by air!

PITY THE POOR EDITOR!

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TO EPSOM.

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MOTHER: I'm shore I dunno. I've 'ad somethink else ter think erbout. Freddie, be'ave yerself! (FREDDIE *behaves himself—for a moment.*)

FATHER: Never missed once since we wos married, 'ave we?

MOTHER: P'raps we 'ave an' p'raps we 'aven't. I've 'ad somethink else ter think erbout, I tell yer, 'sides that. Freddie, *do* sit still. (FREDDIE *sits still—for an instant.*)

FATHER (*producing bottle of spirits*): I tell yer we've never missed, an' wot's more, I never means ter, not if I 'ave ter walk.

MOTHER: I woodn' begin drinkin' ser soon, if I wos you.

FATHER: Must git the taste o' thet beer aht o' me mahth wot I 'ad. 'Oliday beer, thet's wot it wos.

MOTHER: I tol' jer not to 'ave enny. But it's orlwyse the sime. Freddie, take yer 'and orf the gen'l'man's knee. It's sticky.

FATHER (*after a swig*): Don' keep worritin' the kid. *'E's* orl right. The gen'l'man don' mind. 'E's fond 'er kids. I kin see it in 'is fice. Ain't thet right, mister?

GENTLEMAN (*making a brave attempt to smile*): Er—rather. Interestin' little beggars.

FATHER: Thet's it. Some people say, wot is 'ome wivaht a muvver? Wot I ses is, wot is 'ome wivaht kids? W'en this kid was born I wos as prard as a dorg wiv two tails!

MOTHER: 'Ow you run on! Don't tork ser foolish. Freddie, *will* you leave orf w'en I tell yer? (FREDDIE *leaves off with manifest reluctance.*)

FATHER: 'E's orl right. Giv' 'im an oringe. Thet's wot 'e wants—somethink to amoose 'im. It's a bit orf fur a kid, squeezed in a crarded carridge like this 'ere. We kin tork ebart *hinter-estin'* fings ter pawse the time. But it's diff'rent wiv a 'igh spirited kid. Giv' 'im an oringe, j'eer?

MOTHER: 'E'll mess 'isself up wiv it.

FATHER: Wot's thet matter? *Let* 'im mess 'isself up wiv it if 'e likes. This is Derby Day, ain't it? Very well, then. 'Ave a drop, mister? (*offering bottle.*)

MISTER (*awkwardly placed*): Er—thanks. But I never drink between meals.

FATHER (*with arm still extended*): Never mind erbaht thet. *'Ave* a drink. This is Derby Day, ain't it?

MOTHER: Don' be ser rood. Yer see the gen'l'man don' want it. 'Sides, 'e ses 'e never drinks between meals.

FATHER: Never drinks atween meals! W'y, thet's the on'y chawnce you git. W'en I 'as a meal I 'as a meal, an' w'en I 'as a drink I 'as a drink. I'm agoin' to nah. (*Does.*)

MOTHER: You'll be in a nice state before you gits to Epsom, if you goes on like thet. Freddie, mind ther jooce don' drop on the gen'l'man's trarsers.

FATHER: W'y doncher leave the kid be? *'E's* orl right. Wot do it matter if 'e *do* drop er drop er jooce? The gen'l'm'n's a sport, thet's wot 'e is, aincher, mister? *'E* won't mind. 'Sides, we're goin' ter back ther winner.

MOTHER: Thet's wot you've sed fur the larst nine yers, an' you ain't done it yet.

FATHER: Wot's thet matter? I'm goin' ter do it ter dye, enny 'ow. The King's 'orse. Thet's wot'll win ther big race. A dead cert. I'm goin' ter back Brakespear if it breaks *me*. Thet ain't a bad un. Wotjew say, mister?

MISTER (*trying to look as if he meant it*): Very good.

FATHER (*again producing the bottle*): 'Ere, 'ave a drop.

MISTER (*a trifle curtly*): No, thank you.

FATHER: Awl right, awl right. Orl the more fur me. Wot's goin' ter win the Derby, eh, lad?

FREDDIE (*removing the orange from his face for a moment*): Bakespear!

FATHER (*proudly*): There you aw! *'E's* got it. I tell yer, 'e knows pretty near es much erbart it es I do, don't 'e?

MOTHER: Don' be ser stoopid. 'E on'y ses wot 'e's 'eard *you* sye. Come over 'ere, Freddie, an' let muvver wipe yer fice. (*Operation performed, whilst napless victim furtively wipes his knee.*)

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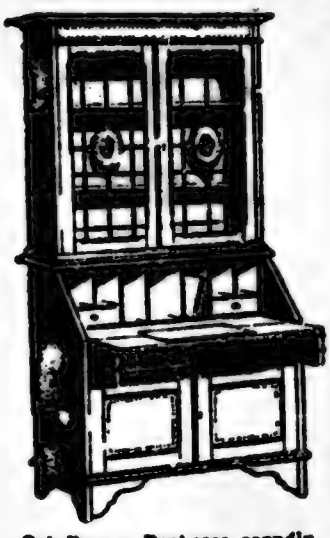

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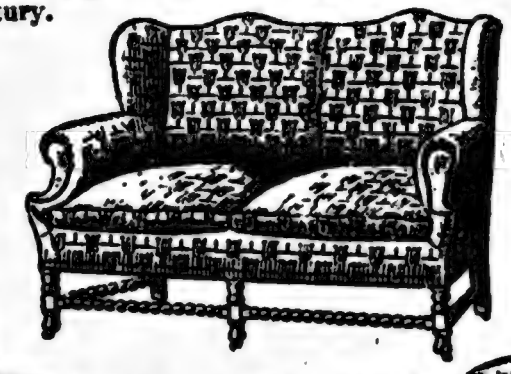

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What would "Poet Laureate" Kipling have said?
Is there a "saving" clause in the Home Rule Bill?
Didn't the American golfers get in the wrong "hole"?
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Will the Hereditary Titles Bill result in a disappeer-ance?
Will General Huerta really meet his fate with "resignation"?
Do you know there is a "money for nothing" chance on page 40?

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"Warships Off Ulster," says a heading. Evidently.

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A new sketch is called "A Careless Lassie." What does she lose?

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A hardened bachelor says that he who has "loved and lost" hasn't lost.

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Now that Walter Mead has become a coach, will the Essex Club be in the cart?

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Two houses near Peterborough have been sold for a pint of beer. They fetched a "pot."

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The funny thing about the present-day skirt is that the tighter it is the fuller it seems.

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The man who can tell the truth to a woman and retain her friendship is a wasted diplomat.

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"Sunny Spain" is the Earl's Court attraction. A rival show is hoping to put it in the shade.

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"I do not know what an adequate wage is," says Judge Parry. He should; he draws one.

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"Meeting is better than parting," says a writer. But when a bill is due, the two are nicely blended.

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Trees in Baring-road, Sydenham, are being removed on account of the motor-'buses. It seems well named.

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A writer in *The Times* says there is nothing specially healthy about a "tanned" skin. Most schoolboys will agree.

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A woman has been appointed captain of a Danish steamer. But they have been in charge of courtships for ages.

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West Parley, a Dorset village, has been visited for the first time by its Bishop. It should lay out a golf course.

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The headline, "22 Counsel in One Case," tells us that the bone of contention has some good pickings upon it.

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Complaints are voiced as to the attendance at county cricket matches. Certainly a little more "go" would do no harm.

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The statement that there has been a "fire" at the Press Club was, of course, a mistake; "conflagration" was meant.

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The Canadians are trying to get up an oil boom, but the English investor is fed up with "gushing" reports just now.

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General Villa, who, according to Mr. Bryan, is a reformed character, is not the only one being whitewashed just now.

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A Bill to abolish hereditary titles has been introduced. The young man of the future will have to make a name for himself.

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The "silent dramatist" is the man now, says a morning paper. Yes, he is the chap who is making a noise in the world.

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"Play Accepted in a Day," shrieks a headline. And then we find that it was written by the wife of a well-known dramatic critic!

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The Lord Mayor of London is to captain a cricket eleven. He is often confronted with men who have been bowled and caught.

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Cambyses Nap, won, 8 to 1, the Alexandra Handicap
Ambassador Nap, 3rd, 1 to 2, the Payne Stakes
Caresyra Nap, won, 1 to 3, the Newmarket Stakes
Gaina Cock Nap, lost, 3 to 1, the Great Jubilee Stakes
Golden Sun Nap, lost, 4 to 1, the Stewards' Handicap
Dunraven Nap, lost, 3 to 1, the Cumbe mere Handicap
Aleppo Nap, won, 3 to 1, the Chester Cup
White Magic Nap, 3rd, 6 to 5, the Chester Vase
Harmonicon Nap, lost, 33 to 1, the Victoria Cup
Torc Signi Nap, 3rd, 1 to 1 the One Thousand Guineas
Ad-dar Nap won 9 to 4 the Highweight Handicap
Cock of the Rock Nap, won, 9 to 4 the Guildford Handicap
Blazer Nap, 3rd 9 to 4, the Esher Cup
Sun Yat Nap, lost, 4 to 1, the City and Suburban
Golden Sun Nap, lost 4 to 1, the Great Surrey Handicap
Sandwich Nap, lost 4 to 1, the Fitzwilliam Stakes
Lord Rivlan Nap, 2nd, 4 to 1 the Jubilee Hurdle Race
Gaina Cock Nap, won, 11 to 4, the Queen's Prize
Kheri Nap, 3rd, 7 to 1 the Durham Plate
Mountain Fairy Nap, lost, 9 to 4, the Bestwood Handicap
Dunheim Nap, won, 5 to 1, the Chamberlen Plate
Rodister Nap, 3rd, 5 to 1, the Doveridge Handicap
Wrack Nap, won, 4 to 1, the Newbury Cup
The Angel Alan Nap, lost, 3 to 1, the Chieveley Handicap
Pilmeston Nap, won, 3 to 1, the Town Handicap
Rocette Nap, lost, 2 to 1, the Liverpool Hurdle Race
Light Brigade Nap, won, 11 to 10, the Bridgeman Handicap
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Bepdows, W., 1, Castle Walls, Swansea.
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Craven, Charles, 36, Upper Richmond Road, Putney, S.W.
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[The EDITOR replies to, and has a chat with, some of his numerous correspondents.]

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GENERAL.

MRS. E. J. (Liverpool) sends us one of the precious blue documents sent out on behalf of the notorious "Braunt Co.," of 164, Howard Street, Glasgow, by Duncan Donaldson, "Warrant Officer," of 1214, Argyle Street, Glasgow. It is simply a dastardly attempt to scare people who have been so unfortunate as to have dealings with the firm named. Duncan will get himself in a mess, if he is not careful. By the way, the "Braunt" people seem to have changed back to their old style. But "Under any other name," etc.!

L. J. (Clapham Common).—We know the horse cabman is having a rough time of it nowadays. He is not so much the victim of the taxi-cabman as of scientific progress, which crushes many on its relentless way. But as you are only 75, why not learn to drive a taxi?

F. T. R. (Wandsworth, S.W.) has greatly relieved our mind. He assures us that "swipes" are not served up again to trustful customers, but are returned to the brewers with the "bottoms" of beer barrels. Now we should like to know what the brewers do with them.

M. E. H. (Baker St.).—We note that a figure of George Bernard Shaw has been added to Madame Tussaud's collection, but you do not say in which Chamber it is to be found.

W. C. B. (Holland Park) is "glad to testify that Mr. Dennison Light, of the Institute of Natural Therapeutics, 73, Queen Victoria Street, London, is a quack. He has done me brown." Then W. C. B. is no longer green, which he must have been to be dazzled by Mr. Dennison Light.

A. E. A. (Kirkdale).—We cannot say for certain whether or no space is infinite until we have been to see. Speaking of the more practical matters, our next visit to Liverpool will be announced in due course.

THE REV. W. S. B. (West Ealing) writes: "If so-called Theology can offer no better explanation of pain and evil in the world than that of the Dismal Dean, I would still venture to assert that a reverent common-sense can." Not only *can*, your reverence, but *does*.

C. J. (Liverpool).—If you are satisfied with your treatment by the British Clothing Club, of Oldham Street, Manchester, either you are easily pleased, or our constant exposures and the prospect of a prosecution have taken effect, and the firm is beginning to reform.

W. P. (Bradford).—Tells us that Slade and Co., Otley Road, Bradford, are also George and Co., Watson and Co., and the Alhambra Warehouse Co., Free Street, Bradford. We suspected as much.

C. E. M. (Harleston) asks us to inquire into the salaries paid to young girls in stationers' shops in Norwich, and states that he knows of a case where one girl of 16 in the cashier's desk receives only 3s. 9d. a week, hours 8.30 to 6.30. But perhaps she is an apprentice, or learner.

J. R. B. (Barking).—You have evidently put the big hat on M. Isaacs, Financier, 27, East Parade, Leeds.

P. V. (Bradford-on-Avon).—You were foolish to part with the £1 7s. to the man who professed to be the agent of John Watson, 28, Bordesley Street, Birmingham, manufacturer of the notorious "Stramonium Cigarettes." You will probably not hear from him again. We have exposed the trick several times.

M. S. (Llanelly) and ANOTHER—The short answer is that we cannot recommend the Central Advertising Agency, Heanor, Derbyshire, for the purpose.

C. R. C. (Lower Edmonton).—The "watch to wear" advertised by Vickary, Dent and Co., 29, Ludgate Hill, E.C., is a tin turnip, worth a few pence, for which you have to deposit 5s. The fact that the firm are guilty of such a dodge should serve as a warning against entrusting them with monthly instalments, on the promise of delivery of a gold watch when it has been fully paid for.

M. G. (Plymouth).—Yes, complaints have reached us of great delay on the part of Vaughan and Heather, the "holeproof" people, of Brighton, in delivering goods after receiving the money.

"BIRMINGHAMITE" (Buenos Ayres) writes saying that "things are in a pretty rotten state" in the Argentine, and that a man who does not know Spanish runs a very grave risk, unless he has capital to carry him on for some months.

"PERCY" (Exeter).—Call your joke a chestnut, dear sir? The proper description of it is a coconut.

J. C. (Great Yarmouth).—Councillor Brett almost deserves a biscuit or referring to the "humane killer" as the "human" killer, although we dare say a human killer might be used to great advantage in the bloater metropolis.

"LOCO" (Peterborough).—Certainly it is not fair for firms to get men from long distances when it is their intention to employ them only for a few days. No conscientious employer would do it.

O. W. V. (Saundersfoot).—We see nothing in the advertisement to take exception to, because it cannot be denied that there *are* plenty of people "who expect wages for doing nothing," and the advertiser is justified in informing the breed that they are not wanted.

THE LONDON NOVELTY COMPANY, of 31–33, High Holborn, wish to be dissociated from the London Novelties Company, of 13, Craven Road, W., to whom we recently referred. We have pleasure in doing so, although the complaint was one of a trivial character.

"FINDER" (Ilford).—Lord Petre writes us that he sent you a letter with a cheque for a pound soon after you had found the lost wallet, but it went to the wrong address and was returned. Perhaps you will communicate with him again. In the circumstances, he must, of course, be acquitted of discourtesy.

MR. G. LESLIE (of the "What Ho! Wallah Wallah" Touring Theatrical Company) is requested to communicate with us upon a matter of importance. We shall be glad to have his address from any reader acquainted with it.

B. W. (St. Lucia, W.I.).—Delighted to have your assurance that our paper "has done and is still doing a tremendous amount of good." Always glad to hear from the lads overseas.

W. B. (Yarmouth).—If the certificate of birth says the child was born on 26th December, 1910, and registered in January, 1910, the Registrar has either been too quick or the baby has been too slow; ma ought to know which.

P. B. (London).—Keep hammering away at the Public Prosecutor till he tackles the quack in question. He will be much better occupied in doing so than in troubling his head about sporting sweepstakes.

J. W. G. (Fulham).—For the non-Society printing houses in London, look down the names of those "barred" in the London Society of Compositors' list.

"INCOGNITA."—Why don't you give your name and address like a man? We can trace no one of the name of Muir, of Inverkeithing, as having won a "Bullets" first prize. Competition No. 70, however, was won by Mr. J. Imrie, of 21, Hill Street, Inverkeithing, and you are at liberty to make any inquiries you like as to the *bona-fides* of the award.

"READER" (Wimbledon).—Try and find the address of the man, and we will know how to deal with him.

MR. GEORGE GIBBONS (of Crouch End) asks us, "in justice to the memory of his father, who was for many years a member of the Victoria and Albert Clubs, and honourably carried on business at Imperial Buildings, Ludgate Circus, as a turf accountant," and in justice to himself—he having carried on the same business for some few years after the death of Mr. Gibbons, senr.—to make it clear that he has no knowledge of, or connection with, George Gibbons, of 453, West Strand, concerning whom we published a paragraph in our issue of May 16th, and we have much pleasure in inserting this disclaimer.

"THE" (Eccles).—The King is certainly entitled to refuse to sign a Bill passed by Parliament, but it would be against constitutional practice for him to act contrary to the advice of his Ministers for the time being.

W. H. B. (Birmingham).—Mr. Joseph Chamberlain unsuccessfully contested Sheffield against Mr. Roebuck in 1874.

Had your "John Bull" Pen yet? If not, send for it now. Coupon on page ii. of cover.

"ENGINEER" (Orange, N.J.).—No doubt the Yankees are more quickly appreciative of new ideas than we are.

J. T. (Seven Kings).—Sorry that we have not any means of effective interference in the matter.

P. T. (Wishaw).—Very likely; but one folly doesn't justify another.

F. W. A. (Fulham).—Write to the chairman of a banking company. By chance he might befriend you and give you an opportunity. There is however, an examination, and somebody would have to find a fidelity bond for you.

A. K. (Glasgow).—Have no means of ascertaining the genuineness or otherwise of the partnership offered to you.

C. S. (Streatham).—Every woman has her superstition, good sir—and most men.

F. R. (Parkstone).—There are people who get their living as masseurs, of ourse, but whether they "earn from £2 to £3 a week" we do not know.

MRS. S. (Colchester).—Better write to the Chief Commissioner of Police, New Scotland Yard.

MISS M. F. (Tottenham).—You wish to draw our attention to the way you have been treated under the Insurance Act, owing to the neglect of the Insurance staff to renew your medical card. You are only one of many. The whole business is mess and muddle.

"FAIRPLAY" (Stoke).—Thanks for sympathy in our advocacy of a Business Government. Now you had better start to help.

"SUPPORTER" (Cardigan).—Persons under 16 do not come within the Insurance Act.

"SUNNY RAMSGATE" (Ramsgate).—You can obtain copies of your own and your wife's birth certificate from the General Register Office, Somerset House, London, upon payment of 3s. 7d. for each copy.

MRS. K. M. B. (Willesden, N.W.).—Although you are "joint owner of a neat little motor and side-car," and are accustomed to hear naughty words used when the machinery goes wrong, yet we would prefer not to tell you the well-known, vulgar answer to the riddle: "What is the difference between a lady and a woman?" *We* have a little modesty left.

"FAIRPLAY" (Fulham) informs us that persons who are blind, armless, or legless, cannot get a police licence to drive a motor-'bus. We are glad to hear it, although certain papers provide their readers with free insurance against accidents.

R. J. M. (Audley).—If the impediment in your speech arises solely from nervousness, obviously the thing to do is to cure yourself of nervousness. Why should strangers embarrass you? We daresay you are as good as most people if not better. Keep that in mind, and you probably will find it help you to master your disability.

H. T. (Twickenham) suggests that expert Bridge players should be handicapped and concede so many hundred points to younger and less experienced players. It would certainly be more sporting on their part, but the average Bridge player is not out for sport.

"ART" (Southsea) inquires "Is it possible to open a night school at Emsworth to teach the railway officials there a little politeness—as it seems necessary?" You may lead a porter to the night school, but you cannot make him polite.

B. H. H. (St. Germans).—"What with the nonsense and humbug of the clergy, and the tricks and deceits of the devil generally, life would hardly seem a success were it not for the lovely sunshine, the songs of the birds, and JOHN BULL. You're just splendid all the time." We bow and blush.

R. W. M. (Kentucky, U.S.A.).—We have to draw the line at hymns. Thanks all the same.

J. A. (Durham).—Sorry we cannot tell you where to find social work "for a small salary."

S. A. (Sudbury).—Thanks; but the matter did not strike us as being of sufficient general interest.

"THE CHAPLAIN" (San. Fran., Cal.).—We have not any sympathy with such views about the Bible, which, in our opinion, is easily the greatest book in the world.

"DIP" (Newcastle).—If you are any more poetry at us, you will wish you had stuck to prose. However, we will tell you this much: "din" no more rhymes with "dim" than Smith rhymes with Joncs.

A. M. S. (Holloway, N.).—We have heard before that police do sometimes act as touting agents for solicitors.

M. MACG. (Glasgow).—Yours is one of the stories Methuselah told Lamech, and has nothing whatever to do with the Insurance Act.

A. P. (Willesden Green).—No, we cannot tell you where to place your invention for a thief-proof letter-box. Try a safe merchant.

J. E. S. (Islington).—You wish us to "write an article for and against that hardy annual, the "Daylight Saving Bill"! Daylight is too previous; nightlight is too dear.

J. S. W. (London, W.).—"I decided to write as soon as I could to call the attention of the public to the state of the workers in many of the large warehouses of our city." Consequently, the public is hereby informed that their state is rather bad.

H. M. (London).—"Are there any banknotes issued in the United Kingdom which are legal tender other than those of the Bank of England?" It depends what your friend and yourself have decided on as the definition of "legal tender." Any banknote is merely a promise to pay, and nobody is bound to accept one as the equivalent of gold, whether issued by the Bank of England or any other.

H. E. (London, W.).—Is there a place in New York where you can inquire for your relatives? Write to the U.S.A. Consul-General, 42, New Broad Street, E.C.

N. W. (Stretford).—There is nothing wrong in the notice displayed in the Stretford Public Library, "Audible Conversation Not Permitted." It simply means that inaudible, or whispered, conversation is.

"A BANK CLERK" (Guynfa).—Cannot tell you much about the newly-formed "National Association of Bank Clerks, J. Stokes, General Secretary, sub. 10s. to 21s. per ann." Write Mr. Stokes requesting information as to the chairman, committee and treasurer, and meanwhile keep your guinea in your pocket.

"ANTIQUE" (Southport).—"Enclosed I have sent you sketch old oak chest of drawers; please say what period and"—etc. The period is sometime 'twixt the Flood and the Resurrection.

C. E. R. (R. Sq.).—Party conferences have seldom contributed to the settlement of political questions. Remember the round-table conference on Gladstone's H. R. Bills?

W. S. B. (London, W.C.).—Your "Fraternal Land Settlements" scheme could only be proved by its results. Fraternity and human nature not infrequently have a horrible row with one another.

H. A. P. (Halifax, Can.) tells us, "The fact is, only those having practical experience in farming and domestic work should emigrate. Mechanics, etc., only if they have a definite contract." We agree with the first proposition; the second we should have to qualify, even so.

MRS. O. (Gateshead).—Our opinion about all such firms is that you will get better value for your money at home. Surely it stands to reason that they would not sell a parcel of new goods "value £2 15s." for £1?

G. T. (Durnall).—According to you the man who, repairing your watch chain, removed one link from each side of the seal, is "another Lloyd George." Did you tax him about the matter?

"CONSTANT READER" (Grantham).—"Afflicted with black hair growing under your eyes," you had better take the advice of a local doctor. Don't experiment with quack depilatories.

A. B. (Hammersmith).—"Now the only real military duty is to obey, and if one is granted leave of his duty (furlough) how does the 'Order an order' apply in this gross scandal?" Rather silly question, don't you think?

W. C. (London, E.).—You must really judge for yourself whether it is worth while to pay the concern money to teach you chauffeuring. Teaching is one thing and learning another.

J. B. (London, W.).—Of course, a Minister does not always move because he wants to. He is very often moved when he doesn't want to.

R. T. H. (Barnes).—If you wish to consult a London specialist, you should write for an appointment within his ordinary hours, state your circumstances, and ask what the fee will be.

"REAL NON-UNIONIST" (Gravesend).—Eyes right!

"GUNNER" (R.H.A., Woolwich).—Cannot remember, but all letters which we think justify space receive attention in turn.

L. J. L. (Liverpool).—Confederate five-dollar note, of 1861, may be worth a few shillings as a curiosity.

D. B. J. (Swansea).—A clerkship aboard a liner may or may not be worth your while, if you can get it, but you won't get it by parting with a fee to either of the advertising gents you name.

S. B. (L. Clapton).—There is nothing new in yours except that the "Canadian type of humanity is socially, politically, and commercially the most detestable which modern civilisation has yet produced." You give us an awful shock.

J. T. R. (Dublin).—You appreciate our paper, but you think we should really consider the fact that "Irishmen are Irishmen and are proud of the fact, and that the shamrock is as worthy an emblem as the Rose or the Thristle and a d—— sight more than the Leek." Good; but what about the Orange?

C. D. (East Road, N.).—"A few days ago, I think, I read in JOHN BULL that Mr. Asquith owns a pub," and if you didn't think, you want us to think where we think you thought you read it. Thought-reading is not one of our specialities.

J. H. H. (Sidcup).—Same old Spanish swindle. Same old gang.

Another Racing Competition. Manchester Cup this time. See page 40.

LEGAL.

E. S. (London).—You are still liable to do the repairs, in accordance with the terms of the lease. As you remained after its termination, you are liable to give, and are entitled to receive, six months' notice, and such notice must expire on the same quarter day, or other period of the year, as the tenancy commenced.

"Satisfaction."—You are entitled to charge your travelling expenses, but not for loss of time.

"Anxious" (Halifax).—The person could be criminally prosecuted at any time.

"Worried" A. B. C.—The infant could probably raise money on his expectations through an Insurance Company if he insured his life. He should apply to one of the large ones, such as the Sun or the Norwich Union. He should keep clear of moneylenders.

H. L. (Dalmuir).—What you did seems to us a reasonable performance of that part of the company's implied contract in which they themselves failed, as to whether it is worth your while to sue them is another matter.

A. W. D. (Harrow).—Every receipt for two pounds or over must bear a penny stamp. If a debt is paid by three instalments of two pounds or over, the receipt for each instalment must bear a penny stamp.

"Bullite" (Glasgow).—It would need a long explanation. As to what exactly you should do, consult a solicitor.

V. P. (Compton).—The part of the paper you send us does not contain any advertisement to which your letter refers. For this reason we cannot advise you.

"Money" (Bradford).—You should be able to get a copy of the will from Somerset House, London.

B. S. (Clapham).—If you have not seen or heard anything of your wife for seven years or over, you are entitled to presume that she is dead, and re-marry. Should it subsequently transpire that she was alive at the date of the second ceremony, such marriage would be void, but you could not be punished for bigamy.

A. B. C. (Swansea).—If land is required for public purposes, it can be compulsorily acquired. The price to be paid has to be fixed by arbitration, and the fact that you earn your living on the property would be taken into consideration. You could not claim any compensation if the cemetery were brought up to, but did not touch, your property. It is a matter in which you would be wise to try to come to an amicable arrangement.

"Constant Reader."—You can sell your shares in an unlimited company provided there is no agreement to the contrary with the other parties interested. Their value depends not only upon the interest paid, but also upon the nature of the business, and the likelihood of the profits being maintained. Your best policy would be to try and sell to the other shareholders. Failing this, you might find a purchaser by advertising.

FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE.

John Bull, Ltd.—P. G. G.—We are unable to identify you or your lady friend, but, if she will communicate with us, we may be able to help her in the matter.

Kaduna Syndicate.—P. R. (Liskeard).—Messrs. Lake and Currie are a very respected firm, and we should think you would be quite safe in their hands, but of course you must see that any agreement entered into is in proper order.

Associated Provincial Picture Houses.—S. A. (Liverpool).—We do not consider either the ordinary or preference shares a good investment.

Andrews, Palmer and Co.—Speculative Biddy.—Have nothing to do with these people or you will certainly lose your money.

Charrier and Marbut Carving.—J. E. H. C. (Taunton).—If you will forward the reports we shall be pleased to look into them, but are afraid nothing much can be done.

Trust Development Corporation.—Paddy.—You should write to Messrs. Cunliffe, Russell and Co., Paris, but we are afraid the certificate itself is of no value.

Geographical Astronomical One Star Mediator.—H. J. (Edinburgh).—It has not crossed our orbit up to now, but as the transit of Mercury (not Venus this time) is approaching, we shall keep a look-out. Next time, perhaps, you had better ask the Astronomer Royal's opinion about it.

Chartered.—W. C. P. (Sidcup).—Intrinsically the shares would be worth only a minus quantity if there were any liability on them, which, fortunately, there is not. But they have been valued as high as £9 in a wave of Imperial enthusiasm, and if there were a change of Government they might reach 30s. or 40s. You need be in no hurry to cut your loss, but on any substantial rise you should certainly clear out.

Debenture Stock.—Trinity.—You would be perfectly safe in this, as far as we can judge, but unless the price gives you at least 5 per cent., there are better investments offering with a much freer market.

Nakamun Asphalt and Oil.—J. J. R. (Cardiff).—Do not touch these shares at any price. W. D. T. (Covent Garden).—Pay nothing more, and, if they sue you, let us know.

British Isles Oil Producers, Limited.—G. H. (London, N.W.), J. P. (Sheffield).—We are not favourably impressed with the undertaking and should not advise.

Income and Investment Corporation.—R. Souton.—Have nothing to do with this concern.

Canadian Industrial Development.—J. McA. (Glasgow).—We do not advise you to embark any money with these people.—Pecol Oil.—We referred to this undertaking in our issue of May 9th. Of course, it is speculative, but if you do not mind running some risk, you will probably get a good run for your money.

National Standard Life Assurance.—J. A. (Oldham).—Although your inquiry was not accompanied by our usual fee, we have, in the circumstances, made further inquiries, and our information is that the undertaking's financial position is so unsatisfactory that we should not advise you to continue the payment of your premiums.

Borough of Finsbury Permanent Investment Building Society.—S. D. (Garston).—We observe that the Directors have promised to give consideration to the application for withdrawal, and until you receive their answer we refrain from dealing with the case.

Pearl Life Assurance Co.—J. S. (Jarrow).—If you are able to prove that the state of your father's health was not misrepresented at the time the assurance was increased, we think your claim would hold good. Consult a solicitor.

Scottish Law Life Insurance Co.—Anxious.—We are unable to trace the Society. Are you sure that you have given us the correct title? Send us any papers you may have.

Progressive Insurance Co.—Mrs. S. (Dundee).—The Ordinary Branch business of this concern was taken over by the London, Edinburgh and Glasgow, which, in turn, was absorbed by the Pearl. The question that arises is whether the policy held by your late husband was accepted by the L. E. & G. In that event, you should communicate with the Pearl on the subject. It is clear that the case demands investigation, and we think you should place the papers before a solicitor.

National General Insurance Co.—P. A. G. Heartnesse.—This concern has had a most unfortunate experience, and is being voluntarily wound up. If the offer made by your employer is reasonable, we should accept. The 1912 Account disclosed a loss of £222,925, and sections of the business have been transferred to the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Co.

Liverpool Victoria Legal Friendly Society.—A Reader.—As a general rule, neglect on the part of a collector to call for premiums is not accepted as an excuse for non-payment, and, in the event of a claim arising while arrears existed the Society would be protected under their Rules. You had better write the Secretary direct, at the Head Office.

Northern Equitable Insurance Co.—Aberdon.—Established in 1907, under favourable auspices, a substantial Premium Income was built up, but the risks have not proved profitable, and the announcement of the Valuer of the concern caused little surprise. The business was worked on non-tariff lines. We fear you will have to meet the calls, but the Liquidator may be willing to meet your convenience as regards payment, if you bring your position to his notice.

Reversionary Interest.—A. P. B. (Grappenhall).—The fact of the estates being in New Zealand undoubtedly presents a difficulty in negotiating the loan through the usual channels. You had better communicate with the New Zealand Insurance Co., 3, Finch Lane, London, E.C., who may be able to assist you or offer you good advice on the subject. Or you may consult Messrs. H. E. Foster and Cranfield, 6, Poultry, London, E.C.

National Deposit Friendly Society.—Railroad.—The Society is progressive and well-managed, and, if the rate of benefits you mention is correct, we see no reason why you should not make the change.

City Life Assurance Co.—W. G. W. (Barry Docks).—You could not, in the circumstances you mention, recover any portion of the money paid. We should accept the Fully-Paid Policy, or, better still, renew the application for a loan as soon as a suitable property comes your way.

British Equitable Assurance Co.—J. L. (London).—Quite safe for any sickness and accident risks it may accept.

SPORTING.

Patrick O'Brien's "Omnibus" Sweep.—Esperance (Clapham).—Yes, it is "carried on in a straightforward manner," and nothing will interfere with it.—Puzzled and Others.—We understand that if you send in only one counterfoil the cover of the book *must* accompany it in order to entitle you to the special "commission" prizes.

Smallman and Terry (Geneva).—E. G. V. (Stockwell).—We note with satisfaction that you are satisfied with the "straightforward and business-like way you have been treated by Messrs. Smallman and Terry"—which, however, is only what we should have expected.

H. Diamond (Lucerne).—Dumous and Others.—We are represented at each of Mr. Diamond's Draws, which are quite straight.—L. R. (Sheffield).—You will be quite safe in doing business with Mr. Diamond.

Patrick O'Brien's Free Sweep.—A. L. H. (London) and Others.—For full particulars you must write direct to Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Lucerne Switzerland; postage 2½d., postcards 1d. We are not allowed, owing to the stupid lottery law, to give details.

Trace and Percy (Binningen).—"Irishry."—We believe the firm to be quite respectable, but have no special information.

G. Hamilton and Co. (Binningen), R. J. K. (Exeter).—An honourable firm.

Trace and Percy (Binningen, Switzerland).—X. X. X.—The firm have been established for some years, and so far as we are aware is quite straight.

Totalisator (Lucerne).—Kenny.—Although we were not represented at the last Draw, we are sure, from our past experience of this firm, that everything was straight and above board.

Gale's Special.—M. H. (Leicester).—A genuine business.

"John Bull" Derby Sweep.

The result of the Draw appears on pages 36, 37, 38 and 39, with the exception of a few 10s. cash prizes, which will appear next week. For any further particulars apply to the Managers,

SMALLMAN & TERRY, Geneva, Switzerland.

Postage 2½d.

More Cash for 1, 2 and 3. See New Racing Competition. Page 40.

CITY NOTES.

(For Financial and Insurance Letter-Box, see Letter Bag pages.)

The Stock Markets.

Things are shaping much more pleasantly on the Stock Exchange, and if only the public showed more disposition to come in prices would certainly get a smart upward impetus. Forced liquidation seems to have come to an end, and although there is still a lot of bankrupt stock to be disposed of, it is in such strong hands that it is not regarded as a menace to the markets. Rather the reverse, in fact, as it is argued that the people interested will exert all their influence to put things better, so as to get rid of their unwelcome holdings to the best possible advantage. It is now thought that the Mexican trouble will be settled more quickly than was at one time expected, and even the Brazilian financial difficulties are being gradually straightened out. On the other hand clouds are gathering in the East and Russian financial affairs are causing some anxiety. Moreover, it looks as though money was going to be dearer before the autumn, and Lombard Street is already well under the control of the Bank. All the same there has been a lot of quiet investment buying, and it looks as if considerable amounts of cash are now being released from trade. There has been something of a scare about the railwaymen's demands as foreshadowed by Mr. Thomas, but it was not treated very seriously, and the market is inclined to take a hopeful view of the outlook. Whether the wish is father to the thought remains to be seen, but at any rate a change in sentiment is welcome after the gloomy forebodings that have prevailed so long.

Insatiable Canadians.

Private advices from the Dominion paint the position in anything but rosy colours, and trade appears to be extremely depressed in many leading lines. In spite of the great influx of capital and immigrants, the Government crop reports indicate that there will not be much increase in the acreage under wheat this year, and with three big trunk lines competing for the traffic while working expenses are mounting up, it is difficult to take a very cheerful view of railway prospects. But that does not in the least discourage fresh borrowing, which proceeds apace. Only the other week the Government had to come to the assistance of the Canadian Northern, and now it is being asked to guarantee bonds for $16,000,000 to complete the mountain section of the Grand Trunk Pacific. This line has already greatly exceeded the estimated cost, and what the end of all this squandering of capital may be can only be conjectured.

Peek Bros. and Winch.

It is always sad to see a fine old business going wrong, and any efforts in reason to re-establish its position must be regarded sympathetically. But it is really impossible to find anything to say in favour of the scheme put forward by the directors of Peek Bros. and Winch, Limited. The preference shares, which are mainly held by the public, are to be severely mulcted, by losing arrears of dividend, and most of their cumulative rights, while the ordinary shares are to go scot free. Such topsy turvy methods of finance would be laughable in opera-bouffe; in actual experience it is almost incredible that they can be put forward seriously. But shareholders are often so apathetic and ill-organised that any injustice can frequently be perpetrated on them, although it is to be hoped that the "highway robbery" contemplated in this case will be frustrated.

The Laughter Show.

We wonder whether shareholders of the defunct Holland Park Skating Rink Co., Ltd., are among the patrons of the Humorous Art Exhibition now being held in the building which was erected with their money. If so, they will be indulging in the first laughs their "investment" has brought them. Up to now, the promoters have had it all their own way in that respect—up their sleeves.

"John Bull" Preference Shares.

Will any holders of these shares who may be desirous of realising communicate with the City Editor of this journal, stating the number of shares held and the lowest price which will be accepted?

Speechless Chairman.

The chairman of the Anglo-Portuguese Telephone Co., Limited, should be commended for circulating in advance the speech he intended to make at the recent meeting of the company, thus obviating the necessity for delivering it orally. Only those who have been obliged to listen to the average chairman addressing his audience, in a manner that showed he was but repeating to the best of his ability the language of someone else, will appreciate the boon which would be conferred on shareholders if the example now set be followed generally.

More Cinema Results.

Biograph Theatres, Limited, which usually pays an interim dividend at this time of the year of 5 per cent., has been obliged to pass it "owing to competition and climatic conditions." The following are the reductions in net profits made by leading companies in this line for 1912-13, as compared with the previous year: Amalgamated (Pyke's), £2,300; B.B. Pictures, £2,000; Electric Palaces, £4,100; London and Provincial Electric Theatres, £4,500; and United Electric Theatres about £6,000. We should like to see some of these houses halving their programmes and their prices of admission. The time now occupied for showing all the pictures is about two hours, and the cheapest seats cost 6d. Surely if only one-hour shows be given at 3d., more people would be likely to patronise them and, of course, double the number of performances could be given within the same time. We believe that here will eventually be found salvation for the better class enterprises. At present they give more than the public requires and charge more than it is prepared to pay. With outdoor exhibitions offering a whole day's amusement at a shilling, sitting in a hot stuffy hall for two hours for 6d. is not tempting.

Metalite.

Last week we referred to the pending reconstruction of this company, and we are now in a position to state that satisfactory arrangements have been made for taking over the charge upon the property held by the London City and Midland Bank, and ample time will then be secured for successfully completing the reorganisation. The property is undoubtedly a valuable one and the directors are to be congratulated upon having carried through some very difficult and delicate negotiations. It now only remains for the shareholders to rally round the Board, and then all will be well.

National Standard Life.

As we go to press, we hear that the National Standard Life Assurance Co. is about to amalgamate with the Anchorage Life Association. The recent share issue of the latter concern was by no means a success, and our readers will also remember that the National Standard was lately unable to obtain the sanction of the Court to amalgamate with the Hearts of Oak Life and General Assurance Corporation; and we have already expressed the opinion that the National Standard stands very little chance of continuing a separate existence unless fresh capital can be found. The negotiations with the Anchorage Life Association have this object in view, but we should like to be satisfied of the ability of the company to assume these further responsibilities.

North Caucasian Oil.

For some time past the shares of this company have been among the most active in the oil section, and although the top level has not been fully maintained, the outlook is decidedly encouraging. The output is expected shortly to reach 60,000 poods per day, or 50 per cent. more than the present rate, and the only doubt with regard to the future is as to the probable course of prices. Last year the company was fortunate enough to secure the high average of over 40 copecks per pood, but the price this year has fallen to 37 copecks and some further reduction seems likely. Nevertheless, the increased production ought to more than compensate for the fall in price, and although there is always an element of speculation in oil ventures "North Caucs" seem to have excellent prospects for the time being, and market enthusiasts "talk" the price to 60s. or more. But oil wells do not flow for ever, and many Russian ventures have proved so disappointing after holding out the most brilliant promises, that all such forecasts must be received with considerable caution.

More Cash for 1, 2 and 3. See New Racing Competition. Page 40.

WHITSUN HOLIDAY PRIZES!

FIRST PRIZE

£500

FIRST PRIZE

2nd Prize £50

3rd Prize £25

20 HOLIDAY PRIZES

TEN £10 NOTES. TEN £5 NOTES.

50 Prizes of 10/- | **4,000 Handsome HOLIDAY PRIZES Value £900.** | **1,000 Prizes of 2/6**

PRIZES INCREASED TO £1,775 IN VALUE.

Bullets can only be constructed from any of these 40 Examples.

DRY AGAIN	NIGHT SHIFT	HARD PRESSED	LEADS TO BLOWS	FAST AND FURIOUS
THE DERBY RESULT	GOES WITHOUT SAYING	A GOOD HAND	LEFT SUDDENLY	WILD WOMEN
SUMMER SUITS	THIRD MAN	GIVEN UP	A LOVE STORY	ON THE MOVE
A BARE MAJORITY	HOLDS THE AUDIENCE	COURTING THE WIDOW	A LODGE AFFAIR	LANDLADY'S DAUGHTER
BATHING MACHINES	UNMIXED BLESSING	ADAM'S ALE	AFTER THE PROPOSAL	GONE FOR GOOD
NOT MUCH APPRECIATED	DEFYING THE SPEAKER	STAYS TOO LONG	GOAING OFF	OUT OF OFFICE
WHEN ACCEPTED	TOO FAMILIAR	RACE PROBLEM	CLOSING HER MOUTH	LOVERS' MEETINGS
THE SOBER TRUTH	THE LAUNCHING STAGE	A SORRY SPECIMEN	SOMETIMES PAYS	ON LAST LEGS

☞ **Please note that the closing date has been extended to Thursday, June 4th.**

5,073 PRIZES TO BE WON THIS WEEK

HOW TO MAKE BULLETS.

First choose any of our forty examples. Then give two words or three words having some bearing on the example chosen. The FIRST AND LAST word selected MUST begin with ANY OF THE LETTERS in the example chosen. If three words are elected any word can be used as the middle word.

For instance, if you take the example "LEFT SUDDENLY," and take the letters "L" and "S," using the word "WITHOUT" as the middle word, you can make the Bullet "LODGER WITHOUT SETTLING." From the example "SOMETIMES PAYS" the Bullet "ENTERING MATRIMONY" can be formed. Again, if you choose the example "NOT MUCH APPRECIATED," using the letter "S" as initial for both the first and last word, you can form the Bullet "SAVAL ECONOMIST'S NOTIONS."

Competitors may send in two BULLETS on one coupon for sixpence. But if both coupons are used a postal order for one shilling must be sent.

The ink will not run if the coupon is slightly warmed before being used.

Competitors can see the Bullets" Judges at work at any time.

Closing date, Thursday, June 4th.

Example .....

Bullet .....

Example .....

Bullet .....

(87) P.O. No. .....

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on page 33.

Signed .....

Address .....

A Sixpenny P.O. Must Accompany this Coupon.

Not more than three words may be used to construct a Bullet.

This week's Bullets Coupons will also be found in "Mary Bull" dated June 6th.

Closing date, Thursday, June 4th.

Example .....

Bullet .....

Example .....

Bullet .....

(87) P.O. No. .....

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on page 33.

Signed .....

Address .....

A Sixpenny P.O. Must Accompany this Coupon.

If Both Coupons Are Used a Postal Order for 1/- Must be Sent.

ENVELOPES SHOULD BE MARKED "BULLETS NO. 87," "JOHN BULL," LONG ACRE, LONDON, W.C.

Write "COMPETITION" on top left-hand corner of Envelope.

The Result of this Competition will appear in our issue dated June 20th.

For Rules, etc., see opposite page.

RESULT OF 84TH BULLETS COMPETITION.

FIRST PRIZE OF £1,000 :—

Mr. RD. M. WALLER,
65, West Parade, Lincoln.

Example :—UPSETS EVERYTHING.
Bullet :—IF MISSUS "TUMBLES."

SECOND PRIZE OF £100 :—

Mrs. J. FAIR,
14, Forfar Road, Dundee.

Example :—A SHAKY SEAT.
Bullet :—AMATEUR CARPENTER'S EFFORT.

THIRD PRIZE OF £25 :—

Mr. WILLIAM GARDINER,
98, St. John's Road,
Clapham Junction, London, S.W.

Example :—PREPARING FOR HOLIDAYS.
Bullet :—SAVING TO "SPLASH."

TEN £10 PRIZES :—

Mr. ALBERT T. ACKLAND, 111, Willingdon Road, Westbury Avenue, Wood Green, London, N.:
ALL SMILES—SCHOOLMASTER—TO MOTHER.

Mr. T. TRIBE, 172, Glenelg Road, Brixton, London, S.W.:
REFUSING ORDER.—RICHARD—EVIDENTLY "DICKEY."

Mr. GEO. THOMSON, Fire Station, Shankill Road, Belfast, Ireland:
BARELY NOTEWORTHY—"CROP" AND "CHANGE."

Mr. C. E. WEBB, 72, Hatfield Road, St. Albans, Herts:
INVENTING EXCUSES—COLLECTOR THINKS EVERYBODY.

Mr. EDWARD F. PALGRAVE, 4, Vera Terrace, Pitshanger Road, Ealing, W.:
FASTEST WIN—SO DOES "FASTER."

Mrs. M. T. JOHNSON, 31, Highfield South, Rock Ferry, Cheshire
DECEIVING THE MISSUS—SINGING—NEXT MORNING.

Mr. JOHN GIFFORD, c.o. 93, Heath Street, Hampstead, N.W.:
VOTE OF CENSURE—GARBY'S "WOT'S THIS?"

Mr. THOS. H. HUGHES, 1, Crown Place, Harrogate:
AMATEUR ACTING—GUEST APPRECIATING EVERYTHING.

Miss MAY PERCEVAL, 32, Milton Park, Highgate, London, N.:
CHEAP JEWELLERY—"PRECIOUS" COMMON.

Mr. JOHN BUCHANAN, 181, Gt. Dover Street, Borough, London, S.E.:
PREPARING FOR HOLIDAYS—SALVATIONIST CONSIDERS LIFE.

TEN £5 PRIZES :—

Mr. ALBERT G. MURRELL, 363, Hackney Road, London, N.E.:
DECEIVING THE MISSUS—HARD UNLESS "SOFT."

Mr. ALFRED ASHTON, 18, Mersey Road, Failsworth, Manchester:
MOTHER-IN-LAW'S ADVICE—"ENDOWED" WITH "ASSURANCE."

Mr. S. R. BAYLISS, H. S.B.S., H.M.S. "Pactolus," Ardrossan. N.B.
UPSETS EVERYTHING—ENTHUSIAST'S INDOOR GOLF.

Mr. FRED NICHOLS, Westdene, Lambert Road, North Finchley, London, N.:
PREPARING FOR HOLIDAYS—FUNDS DECIDE FUN.

Mr. PERCY E. BROWNE, 24, Keir Street, Pollokshields, Glasgow
UPSETS EVERYTHING—THE STAGE "SLAVERY."

Mr. JOSEPH HILL, Soldiers' Home, Bordon, Hants:
BARELY NOTEWORTHY—RUDITY—MIND CLEAN.

Mr. WM. JACQUES, Danbury Lodge, Matlock, Bath:
TRANSPARENT SHAM—TRAMPS "WORKING" SUIT.

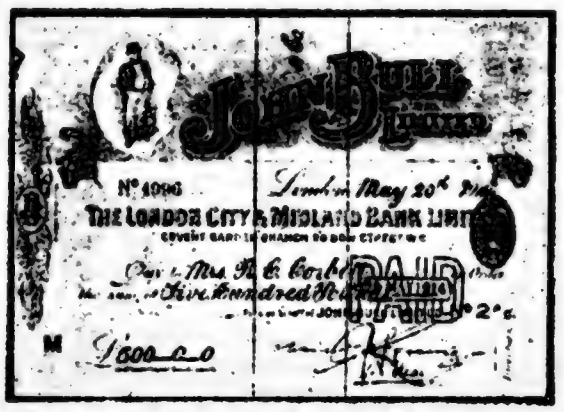
Mr. H. W. LEWIS, 27, Minster Gardens, Clapham Junc., S.W.
GOING TO POT—OFTEN "JAY" "BIRD."

Mr. THOMAS DAVIES, 9, School Street, Caerphilly, nr. Cardiff
TAXING THE PEOPLE—TOLL UPON TOIL.

Miss LOUIE HAYWARD, Cartry, Luscombe Terrace, Dawlish Devon:
BARELY NOTEWORTHY—COUGH—GOVERNOR COMING.

HUNDRED 10s. PRIZEWINNERS.

AMBROSE, T., Bellevue House, Maranon, Penzance.
ARNOLD, W. J., 118, Monument Road, Ladywood, B'ham
ASKEW, A. G., Shere, Guildford.
AUSTIN, G., 6, West Street, Bognor, Sussex.
BAKER, F. A., 43, Rollos, Road, London, S.W.
BALMFORD, E. F., Woodside Cottage, Harton, South Shields.
BARRETT, A., 16, Horsman Street, Wolverhampton.
BENNETT, J., 2, Church Street, Liverpool.
BERCARD, H., 4, Furnival Mansions, Wells Street, W.
BIRD, R. I., 15, Broughton Street, Greenock.
BISFORD, F., Miss, 2, Paget Road, Wolverhampton.
BLAND, W. M., 26, Hulse Road, Salisbury.
BODEN, W., 5, Ormond Place, Blackpool.
BRADLEY, Edith, Westerham Cottage, Addlestone.
BRETT, F., 228, Old Oak Common Lane, Acton, W.
CALE, W., 50, Carlingford Road, Hucknall, Notts.
CARR, A. N., Mrs., 49, Crossgate, Cupar, Fifeshire.
CLARKE, F. E., Miss, 53, Kennington Av., Bishopston, Bristol.
COLE, R. CONYNS, 11, Lytton Avenue, Palmer's Green.
CORBIE, H. G., c.o. 154, Queen's Road, Norwich.
COTE, R. J., 1, Dock Road, Tower Hamlets.
CULLUM, Mrs., 9, Wilbraham Pl., Sloane St., London, S.W.
DAVIES, C., 7, Holmbush Road, Putney, S.W.
DUFFY, J., Manchester United Hotel, Ashton New Rd., M'c.
DUKE, J., Col., 16, St. James' Square, London, S.W.
DUNLEA, Maisie, Typist, Palace Theatre, Cork, Ireland.
ECCLES, H., 29, Newland Street, Barrow-in-Furness.
EVANSON, F. H., 20, Kensington Road, Middlesbrough.
EVANS, E., Ardwyn, Hopkin St., Bryn-hyfryd, Swansea.
FIRMIN, P., Mrs., c.o. Miss Finke, 3, Gt. Ormond Street, W.C.
FORD, ALICE, Mrs., 4, Greenhalgh Street, Burnley.
FORREST, T., 68, St. Leonard's Street, Edinburgh.
FREEMAN, W. G., Station Master, Overstrand, Cromer.
FRIPP, A., Miss, The Rose, Shamrock and Thistle, Southampton.
GALLOWAY, M., 88, Bride Street, Dublin.
GAUNTLEY, G. M., Mrs., 55, York Street, Rugby.
GIBBS, J., Distillery Chambers, Johns Lane, Dublin.
GOODBURN, H. M., 31, Cumberland Road, Woodside, S. Norwood
GRIFFITHS, J. G., 37, Park Street, Highbury, London, N.
HARRIS, C., 87, High Street, Hastings, Sussex.
HEAVER, F., Whitemeadow, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
HERIOT, G., 151, Albert Road, Langside, Glasgow.
HISCOX, W. A., 29, The Firs, Fallows Road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham
HOBBS, F. J., Coronation House, 263, Putney Bridge Rd. S.W.
HOLLINS, J., 6, Fourth Avenue, Tong Road, Leeds.
HOPE, N., 18, Rustace Street, Great Lever, Bolton.
HORSFALL, J., 281, Lea Road, Gainsborough, Lincs.
HUDSON, W. F., Miss, 49, Hasker Street, Chelsea, S.W.
HUMBEY, F. H., 28, Stanhope Road, Sidcup, Kent.
JACKSON, J. H. E., Queensmead, Claygate, Surrey.
JAGGER, J. S., Mount Pleasant, Charwell, Leeds.



The original of the above cheque will be on view at the premises of Messrs. A. McLaren and Son, 122, Renfield Street, Glasgow, until May 30th, and thence until June 3rd at their branch office, 360, Argyle Street, Glasgow. A reproduction of the cheque will be shown daily on the screen at the St. George's Cross Electric Picture Palace, New City Road, Glasgow.

JONES, T. O., 22, Syren Street, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
KING, F. E., Senr., 50, Bourne Road, Bexley, Kent.
LOVEDALE, S. H., 28, Station Hill, Brixham, Devon.
LUCAS, S. A., 42, Edric Road, New Cross.
MACKEY, C., Tanshelf Drive, Pontefract, Yorks.
MANDERS, MINNIE, 2, Hamstead Road, Handsworth, B'ham
MANNERS, G., Mrs., 109, Redland Road, Bristol.
McKINNON, J. H., 64, Thornwood Avenue, Partick, Glasgow.
MILLS, W., 22, Wedgewood Street, Newton Heath, Manchester.
MILCHISON, T., 63, Woodhorn Rd., Ashington, Northumber'd.
MOIR, Miss., 26, Frederick Street, Edinburgh.
MOORE, C. D., 15, Avington Grove, Penge.
MOORE, J., Junr., Barnett's Road, Knock, Belfast.
MORAN, T., 17, Lochhead Crescent, Coalitown-of-Wemyss, Kirkcaldy.
NOEL, HERBERT, 28, Moss Bank Road, Crumpsall, Manchester.
NUNDY, I., Miss., Kingscliffe, The Vale, Broadstairs, Kent.
OFFORD, G. R., Belchamp, Clare, Suffolk.
OVIR, T., 2, Prospect Place, Union Road, Dover.
OWENS, E., Gwaelodygarth, Taffs Well, near Cardiff.
PARKER, H. E., 41, Harvist Road, Holloway.
PETTINGILL, Lce. Corpl., 1st Battn. P.W.O. West Yorkshire Regiment, Lichfield.
PHILLIPS, G., 131, First Avenue, Manor Park, Essex.
RAMPTON, A., 18, Warner Road, Hornsey.
REYNOLDS, E., Mrs., 188, Upland Road, East Dulwich.
RICHARDSON, W., 6, Alma Road, Westham, Weymouth.
ROBERTS H., Lew Lake's Co., Hippodrome, Hulme, Manchester.
ROSS, A., 143, Dalry Road, Edinburgh.
SEARCH, R. J., 133, Plaistow Road, Stratford, E.
SERJEANT, W., Col. Sir, C.B., St. Benet's Abbey, nr. Hodnin, Cornwall.
SMALL, MARY, 18, The Crescent, Whitley Bay, Northumberland
SOURNEY, Col., The Cottage, Northwood, Middlesex.
STEPNEY, H., 133, Upper Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells.
SWEET, S., Coronation St., Aberkenfig, near Bridgend, Glam.
TAYLOR, J., 29, Main Road, Gleadless, Sheffield.
TAYLOR, M. A., Mrs., 35, Gatton Road, High St., Tooting
THOMPSON, H. W., 22, Bridge Street, Bristol.
THORNTON, P. B., 69, Highlever Road, North Kensington, W.
TIDY, G. D., 1, St. Ann's Gardens, Haverstock Hill, N.W.
TURNER, P., 12, The Square, Caterham Valley, Surrey.
WALKER, E. V. 1, Thorne View Gardens, Seven Kings.
WALSBY, F. T., 9, Fair Street, Stepney, E.
WELDING, A., 191, Brook Street, Kennington, S.E.
WHALLEY, J., 63, Trinity Street, Oswaldtwistle, Lancs.
WHITE, A. E., The Birches, Grosvenor Place, Cheltenham.
WILSON, R., Actors' Association, 32, Regent Street, W.
WILFORD, G. A. C., The Breezes, Brompton, Northallerton.
WOOD, A., 7, Reigate Heath, Reigate, Surrey.
WRIGHT, N., Miss, 8, Bilton Road, Rugby.
YOUNG, Miss, Mill Farm, Invergowrie, Dundee.

"BULLETS" RULES. (*which must be strictly adhered to*).

1. The First Prize will be awarded for what, in the opinion of the Judges, in consultation with the Editor, is the best "Bullet" received, and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness and originality. A careful study of the winning efforts from week to week will also indicate the standard of merit to be attained. The right to divide a prize or prizes among two or more competitors is reserved

2. Bullets must be plainly written on one of the coupons on page 34, and only two attempts may be written on each coupon.

3. Both coupons may be used, but each coupon must be accompanied by a postal order for 6d. made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed _____ & Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses, and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Competitors sending more than one coupon may enclose one postal order for the full amount covering the number of their coupons. Stamps will not be accepted.

4. Coupons must not be defaced in any manner, or have portions of another coupon pasted upon them.

5. Entries must reach us not later than the first post on the morning of Thursday, June 4th.

6. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified Judges.

7. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

No element of chance enters into the adjudication of our "Bullets" Competition. Every coupon is judged by TWO DIFFERENT Members of our special staff of Adjudicators, who have been elected by reason of their high qualification for this work. This staff put aside all coupons which they consider sufficiently meritorious to qualify for a prize. So that, before any coupon is rejected, TWO DIFFERENT Judges have to decide that it is not of sufficient merit to receive a prize. Then, all coupons selected are considered by the Competition Editor in consultation with the Judges. In this manner the coupons are reduced in number to correspond with the total number of prizes to be awarded. The Competition Editor, again in consultation with the Judges, next selects all the lines of outstanding merit. These are placed before the Editor, who, after consultation, decides finally the order of merit. This system of judging keeps a large staff of Adjudicators continually occupied the whole of the week—so thoroughly is the work done. We would point out that, by this system of judging, no award is decided arbitrarily by one mind. It is only after a line has been considered sufficiently meritorious by a BODY OF JUDGES IN CONSULTATION, all of whom are specially qualified for the work, that it can receive a cash or any other prize. As regards the principal prizes, the coupons of outstanding merit are considered many times by the Editor, and also by the Competition Editor and the adjudication staff in consultation, before the final awards are made. In a sentence, ALL coupons are read and considered, and re-read and re-considered by a specially selected staff of highly-qualified Adjudicators, under the general supervision of an experienced Competition Expert—and in consultation with the Editor. That is why "Bullets" constitute a genuine skill contest, free from any and every element of arbitrary decision or of chance selection.

Complete List of all cash and other Prize-winners in the above Competition can be seen at the Offices of "John Bull."

"John Bull" Derby Sweep, 1914.

Managers: SMALLMAN & TERRY, Geneva, Switzerland.

RESULT OF DRAW.

We certify that we were present at the Draw for the John Bull Derby Sweepstake, 1914, which was conducted under the personal supervision of the Editor of "John Bull," no member of the Firm or the Staff of the Managers of the Sweep. Messrs. Smallman and Terry, taking any part or interfering in any way, and we have pleasure in stating that everything was carried out in a straightforward manner, and that the following result sheet correctly represents the result of the Draw.

F. R. Matthews, *Winner of the First Prize of £7,000 in the John Bull Football Cup Sweep.*

J. Winnall, *Winner of the Second Prize of £2,000 in the John Bull Football Cup Sweep.*

Countersigned, Horatio Bottomley. *Editor "John Bull."*

Series.	Horses.
M 420017	AGATHON. Salv. Galia Abelau, Church Av., Zobbar, Malta.
CC 011187	ALDFORD. G. Gordon Cooke, Poonoon Estate, Tamaracheri P.O., Malabar, South India.
H 449727	ALLISMEUR. Alfred C. Cutler, 31, Blucher St., Colne, Lancs.
Q 433415	ARRENDAM. A. Davies, 20, Lonsdale Rd., Bedford Pk., London.
R 303781	AMBASSADOR. H. T. Hazelwood, 32, Fairfax Rd., Swiss Cottage, London, W.
A 273587	ANGLESEY. Dr. R. Rastrick, 11, Beaufort Rd., Kingston, Surrey.
B 317891	ARGENTINE. George Anderson, A.B., No. 1 Mess, H.M.S. "Hibernia," c.o. G.P.O., London.
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The remaining 10s. prize winners will be announced in next week's issue.

Racing Notes.

Just a few last words on the Derby—

KENNYMORE

is the form horse of the race. Rumours to the contrary notwithstanding, he has gone on in excellent style, and gives every satisfaction in his latest gallops. He should win and win easily, and may be followed home by CARANCHO and BLACK JESTER. The likeliest horse to effect a big surprise is MY PRINCE.

The Oaks will see the three placed horses in the One Thousand in opposition again, but

TORCHLIGHT

is quite expected to reverse the Newmarket places, and complete the double for Manton.

Now that the rain has come we are promised a really excellent Epsom Summer Handicap. Save for the big race, Wednesday's programme is not very brilliant. On that day SINGLE STICK is likely to win the Town Plate; SIR EAGER the Steward's Handicap, and SILVER SPRAY the Caterham Plate.

On Thursday Maiden Erlegh is not likely to run for the Coronation Cup, and in his absence LOUVOIS should win. FRIAR MARCUS, who will be saved for that race, can win the Great Surrey Foal Stakes, and MEDIATOR the Royal Stakes. Maiden Erlegh runs for the Durdans Plate, and will win that race.

On Friday occurs the best thing of the week in MATTER* for the Belmont Plate. BAMBUSA will of course take the Acorn Stakes, and EVENING the Chipstead Plate.

At Kempton Park on Saturday the CHESHIRE CAT gelding is worth backing again in the Redfern T.-Y.-O. Plate. PANASINE looks like winning the Windsor Castle Handicap, as does PANKATTAN the Addlestone Plate.

TURF POOL SYNDICATE.

Finding that owing to the recent press campaign against this syndicate it was not in a position to put up the necessary fund for the prizes advertised in connection with its Derby Sweep, the editor vetoed the draw, and advised the syndicate that it should either return the subscriptions or arrange with the subscribers for a sweep on a smaller scale. The promoters expressed their intention of adopting one or other of these courses.

PATRICK O'BRIEN'S BIG SWEEP.

Mr. Patrick O'Brien, of Lucerne, has now issued particulars of a remarkable "Omnibus," or Combination Sweepstake upon three events, the Royal Hunt Cup, Stewards' Cup, and St. Leger, giving subscribers a free chance in the latter. It is a very fascinating scheme, with all sorts of special prizes, in addition to those attaching to the actual drawing of the horses; and now that the Derby is over, we have no doubt there will be a big demand for tickets. We must, however refer readers direct to Mr. O'Brien, Lucerne, Switzerland, for all further information.

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The Draw for this important Sweep duly took place last week, under the personal direction of the Editor, assisted by two scrutineers—the First and Second Prize winners in the recent John Bull Football Cup Sweep—whose Certificate, together with the Result of the Draw, will be found in another portion of this issue.

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